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UNEXPECTED

"HAPPENINGS"

OF LIFE.

It was the year 2080. Technology had advanced much more than the predictions of humans beings, who were once considered as the most intelligent beings ever to exist on earth. But now times had changed.

Artificial Intelligence was slowly taking over the earth.

But humans as always, hopeful as ever, were trying their best to maintain their control over the growing

Artificial Intelligence, moreover on the fast growing pace of technology. Between all this, the world went on taking in, the new normalcy of life.



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In between all these new changes, there existed the small city of "New Hampshire" and there lived a girl named 'Ivana Hammershroov'. She lived in the middle of the city of 'New Hampshire', along with her Mother and Father, in a flat numbered 609. She was 24 years old, enjoying her youth. She was the talk of the town, with her dark brown hair, and deep blue eyes. Her skin was pale and had a tinge of brown in them. Her personality was overwhelming, much more than her appearance. She was bold, kind and gentle. She faced the disastrous situations of life with tenacity and boldness. She was what everyone would call, 'the perfect lady or the perfect daughter'. Ivana was astonishingly intelligent and worked as a chief scientist in a famous Medical Research centre in her city. Everyone loved her and she was flawless in everyone's eyes.



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Everyone thought Ivana found easy to be who she is. But only she knew how hard it was to be the perfect girl. Nobody knew what ran through her mind, moreover nobody knew the real 'Ivana'. The real Ivana was an overthinker, a very stressful person. She got tensed for the very smallest mistakes she made. But Ivana knew, if ~~she~~ she showcased the real 'her' in front of everybody, she would lose her image. So she hid her real self, inside a deep abyss in her mind, where no one could reach. Ivana was happy with her current life and didn't want to ruin it.

Like always, on a snowy Tuesday morning, Ivana woke up at 5:30 in the morning, in her 'AI' automated house. She told the AI to switch on the lights, did her daily routine and went into the kitchen to make breakfast.



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As Ivama was eating her self-made breakfast, her parents came into the kitchen and wished her good morning. Ivama's mother was a retired school teacher and her father was a retired policeman. They both loved Ivama very dearly, as she was their only daughter and Ivama also loved them with all her heart.

As Ivama was passing the breakfast bowl to her parents, she got a call on her phone. Ivama took the phone and answered it. It was a call from her office saying she had to reach there urgently because of a certain emergency. Ivama asked what it was, but they refused to tell it to her through phone. Frantically she took her car keys, leaving her half-eaten breakfast on her table, and she ran to the front door, bidding goodbye to her parents. She got into the car and rushed through the traffic.



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trying to remember the possibilities of things that could go wrong at her work.

Currently Ivana was working on a new bacteria they had found in one of the ice vehicles in Greenland. It was a bacteria which no one had ever seen, which could be a new discovery leading to a Nobel prize. A specially chosen team of scientists were the ones researching on that bacteria and Ivana was the head of the team.

Ivana sitting in the driver's seat of her car, imagined the worst thing that could happen at her workplace. The bacteria going out of ^{containment} ~~contamination~~. The bacteria was kept in a ^{contained} ~~contami-~~ nated area and since they didn't know anything about it, if it went out of ^{containment} ~~contamination~~, the adverse effects were unknown. Ivana thought, usually when their team of scientists went back home after



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after their shifts in the evening, the Artificially Intelligent robots were given the responsibility to guard the contamination area. There was no possibility that the bacteria could get out of ^{containment} contamination as these robots were trained really well. Suddenly another thought burst into her mind, she doesn't "I don't even know what the problem is, and I've already started overthinking, silly me!" Ivana calmed herself down with good thoughts and with a smile on her face, parked her car, and ran to building no. 25, where her team was working on their research.

Ivana opened the doors and found the hallway dark and no one present there. She found it really weird. Someone from the office called her and told her to reach the office, that too urgently and she found no one in there. Was it a prank? Again Ivana started thinking over the mountain.



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Ivona suddenly heard something in the distance. A sound of something running. She decided to search the place. She tried switching on the lights, but the lights were out. She went into into the changing room, put on her protective PPE suit, to protect her from the bacteria and called her friend Jonathan to see if he knew something about this. He didn't pick up. She tried again, but to no avail. So, she went into the contamination room, and open the doors to the research area. She was stunned. The worst had happened, her nightmare had become her reality. At first she thought ^{that} her mind was playing games with her, but as she walked 3 steps forward, reality hit her hard and anxiety and fear enclosed around her. The glass jar in which the Bacteria was kept was shattered. lying on the floor, shattered to pieces, the bacteria was out of



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containment.

Ivana screamed, letting out her agony "Nooooo! Lord... Aaaaahh, why?" She didn't know what to do. Nobody was picking up ^{their phones} and she was lost alone to sort out this huge puzzle. Somehow she felt responsible for this.

She thought "I was the head of our team. I was supposed to not let this happen. How did this happen... The robots... they were supposed to guard... How?" Tears flowed down her cheeks. She said to herself "No! I won't cry now! I'm the one who should solve this! I have to be brave now!"

At that moment, she heard a screeching sound, and a scream, ~~that~~ was a scream of a soul rotting in hell. Ivana felt scared.

Suddenly, something jumped on her back and she fell on the floor, her face flat on the floor.



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She turned around and saw a vile creature. It was black in colour, with sharp long teeth, saliva dripping out of its mouth, and it was twice her size. With its sharp nails, it scratched her, but she saved herself by sliding away. She ran for her life to the front door and just outside, when she reached the front door, she stopped in her tracks.

She thought, and she remembered, when that black creature jumped on her, she noticed that it was wearing a torn pant and shirt with a tag on its ~~went~~ waist. She tried to remember the name on ^{the} tag. Slowly the letters appeared in front of her. It spelled 'Jonathan'.

Ivana felt numb. What!

How can it be Jonathan? Suddenly it hit her.

The bacteria! Jonathan might've went in the bacteria contaminated area without protection and



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might've got infected. "Oh no!" "What am I supposed to do now!". Suddenly scary screeching sounds of the black creatures snapped her out of her negative thoughts. She saw the creatures coming towards her running down the hallway. She ran in the opposite direction, to the balcony and locked the doors and hid there. Ivana opened the ~~the~~ curtains on the side of the balcony and was so taken aback that she fell on the floor. What she saw was unbelievable. She ^{saw} a bunch of those scary creatures running past the front door, ripping of the clothes they wore, when they were once human beings with a heart. Ivana felt helpless and hopeless. The situation was out of control. There was nothing she could do now. Every co-workers she knew, everyone she loved was gone and they were completely different



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characters. She felt lonely and hopeless. "What was she to do now? Who was she going to call for help now?" Determined to protect what she had left, she called her mom to warn her about the creatures, that was running towards the city. Her mom picked up the phone and started talking. Suddenly her mom started screaming and yelling. Her mom screamed for help and Ivana couldn't do anything. She was far away from home. The creatures had attacked her home too. Holding her tears back, she ~~set out~~ got out of the building, got into her, and set out for the city, with a heavy heart, burdened with all that had happened, she started out. The road to future stretched out before her uncertain, yet hopeful. Determined to save what was left of her city.