

# The Device

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*In our modern day and age, in a time of the internet, social media and instant access to information, nobody belongs to anything anymore.*

One late December evening, the sun was almost setting and a thin layer of snow was covering the village, a young couple had found themselves at their church. It had been almost ten years since their only son, Tim, jumped in front of a high speed train. Today, the cooperation announced **The Device X**.

Judy, Tim's mother still recalls the day her son convinced her to buy **The Device**. It was just a few weeks after the cooperation announced the revolutionary technology and everybody was excited. Like all his friends in school, Tim wanted it more than anything. At the time he was just like all the other kids in class. He was happy, enjoyed every day and was full of hope and joy. But that all changed with **The Device**.

Now, years later, Tims parents are fighting for the regulation and restriction of the cooperation and **The Device**. In a recent speech his father tried to appeal to every parent that were effected:

"Our society is about the individual. But individuals aren't. While it is true, that in a lot of cases the necessity of collectives has gone down, humans just aren't capable of adopting to the rapid change society is undergoing. Just a few hundred years ago our survival depended on our group. We were like wild animals, hunting in groups, only focused on surviving the next night. But through the miracles of technology and innovation, we now have time to live our lives to the fullest, experiencing the greatness of being alive at this very moment in time."

In the years following the release of **The Device** parents all around the country started noticing strange behavior with their children. Tims parents tried to talk to their son, tried to understand the sudden change. But Tim

wouldn't answer their questions, ignored them and went back to **The Device**. And it got worse. Tim didn't go out with his friends anymore, didn't participate in sports or other activities. His life was falling apart. But he didn't worry about it, he didn't see anything wrong with his situation. The people he connected with over **The Device** were in a similar situation, they were all obsessed with **The Device**. He genuinely believed he was better off than ever. **The Device** allowed him to get to know more people than ever. He was constantly communicating and socializing, talking about his life. But none of them realized that they were living in their own illusion, their own simulation. **The Device** was forcing everybody apart, giving them a false sense of shelter and community and was manipulating and rewiring their brains into embracing this way of living.

As time went by, Tim felt more and more miserable. **The Device** was controlling his life and he lost all will to be a part of it. Once he even tried to get rid of **The Device** but without it he was just alone. There was no one left, even his parents were now using **The Device**. He only saw one way out.