

<Prologue>

You find one very old-looking VHS in an Archive on X-day. Title: People who don't put up arms. You uncover the box. You see a note. "Hi unknown. I don't know why it eventually is in the place where you find it. If it succeeded to reach you, maybe you would have a problem to reach the original story inside. It would be scattered into many pieces of bubble. If do so, feel free to touch and have your own one. All the best, Hwantae Kim."

You put the VHS in a reader next to a small screen. Black and white graphics. Weird noise. But, It's not annoying. Actually It sounds more and more like... like people talking....

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► ON THE DAY XX.XX.XXXX, YOU WALK ON THE STREET AND SEE ON PERSON STANDING WITH A PICKET. WHILE PASSING BY HIM, YOU READ WHAT WRITTEN ON THE PICKET. AFTER YOU READING IT...

1-1 You just walk away

1-2. You ask what that means

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1-1-1

HE SMILES A BIT, AND COMES CLOSER TO YOU.

I am an objector of Korean military service.

Soon, I will be in jail as I chose not take arms up.

This picket means I decided not to put any arms up.

1-1-1-1 You feel uncomfortable

1-1-1-2 You want to ask him

1-1-1-3 You want to avoid him

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1-2-1

Could you spare your time a bit? I am an objector of Korean military service.

Soon, I will be in jail as I chose not take arms up.

1-2-1-1 You feel interested
1-2-1-2 You feel uncomfortable
1-2-1-3 You want to avoid him

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You

Interesting. But, what's there to think about? If he avoids military service, then it is military service objection.

Supporter

I am a woman, and the country doesn't want me in the army, but I oppose to the mechanism that everyone has to be dragged into the army even if they don't want to, and I believe this (conscientious objection) must be approved in order to ensure the rights of women, like me. That is why I am a part of this movement (for conscientious objection).. I hope we can all carefully think about this issue together.

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Oh

To me...regarding the issue with military service, I feel that way from a nationalistic viewpoint and even personally, I tend to reject the inhumane structure that individuals have to face in the military. It may be a personal attribute, but I am hoping that those conditions can be guaranteed...

You see the picket again. And you think,

-1. “Jesus, this sentence seems way hoo heavy to me now.”

-1 answer. With awkward good-bye, You hurriedly run away from there. While you leaving, you see another picket.

(Design)Let's go together hand in hand, run between the fields and up the mountains. Here we go, with the "Uhgiyeocha" cheer...

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-2. “The minority of the society... We never thought of them thoroughly...”

-2 answer. You cannot find any good words for them. You smile and start leaving. You think about your surroundings. Your friends. Your family. You yourself. And you see another picket.

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You

I am wondering what made you to think of that very radical choice? It's very... very powerful, and aggressive.

Oh

Conscience that deviates from the standard regulated by the nation or personal opinions are considered abnormal or turned into criminal acts, so even if the conscription system is valid in the present situation, the conscription system without an alternative service system is actually extremely inhumane...

You see two other objectors right next to the Objector. Choose one and see what he talks.

Objector 1

1. “I am homosexual and coming out as gay made things more complicated. It is because the Department of National Defence in our country doesn’t accept homosexual in the army. That’s why I even thought, “Shit, should I just not go? I could just get a medical certificate from a psychiatrist.” But then, my conscience kicks in again... It’s because we claim that this isn’t a mental disease and, after all, it’s not a mental illness ...”

Objector 2

2. “I personally wanted to enter a defence industry so that I could get treated as an exception and not have to serve in the army, but I was very hesitant about that. Whenever I was studying off books, I had questions about why I was studying about the field and ended up doing other things....Regarding the issue with military service, I feel that way from a nationalistic viewpoint and even personally, I tend to reject the inhumane structure that individuals have to face in the military...”

Oh:

There seemed to be many people who didn't know about it. There are truly many who don't even know that there is something like this conscientious objection... We feel

like we have to make it known to them... Thank you for listening. I appreciate you spare your time to us.

While you listening. You hear they shout towards people. And you feel...

“Let’s go together hand in hand, run between the fields and up the mountains. Here we go, with the “Uhgiyeocha” cheer...”

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3-2-1

You: Wow! Do you make a very sympathetic excuse for yourself? Don't be selfish. Think about the situation in here. South Korea is currently threatened by the military dictatorship of North Korea that functions based on a completely different political system. They have developed long-range guns and nuclear weapons so they are always preparing for war with the determination to invade South Korea anytime!

Oh: By applying the so-called myth of ‘threats by North Korea,’ most use it to control the lower classes as well as the obedience to authority and unity spirit of the general public. In other words, it is used for the public. It’s not really a confrontation. And, people have to be reminded about that. Conscientious objection first started in England during World War 1 and that was during an actual war, not just a confrontation. Still, those who wanted to refuse did what they had to do!

One man came to you guys. And say with very annoyed voice!

Man: Hey! A myth? It's really happening. Here is Korea, not England. or where else. Let's try to be realistic. If everyone chooses the alternative service system instead of serving in the army, then everyone will end up leaving. So then, how can the military be sustained while 500,000 out of 650,000 are soldiers?

Oh: Just because conscientious objection is permitted, it's not going to make 400,000 to 500,000 people, or even 100,000, no, not even 50,000 out of the 600,000 to try and refuse serving in the army.

One another man came to you guys. He speaks out loud.

Another Man: I agree on this objector's idea. Not going to the army doesn't mean that they will do nothing and just play. It means that they will serve with alternative service that corresponds to military service. It only involves not taking up arms. For example, if people do things that are related to the social net such as helping

unfortunate children or volunteering in prison, then there is a very low risk for people to evade military service.

Oh:

Yes. The focus is to recognise conscientious objection while cutting off the excuses to evade military service under the title of conscientious objection. To cut off those excuses, the duration of alternative service, types of service, quality, and details should be defined clearly, and then evasion of military service will no longer be an issue...!

You say. 1

“I don’t know.... I don’t know! It’s too complicated and too messy!

I think you, objector and the supporter, you guys make this mess! I will,, I just don't want to hear good covered excuse anymore.

You shout to people in that place. They look at you for a bit. And soon, start discussing so intensely again. It sounds like a broken VHS which is left only unrecognisable noises.

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You say 2.

I think... I think the society which made us this crazy and mad is so wrong.

This society is wrong completely! I'm out. I just want to get out of this place. Bye.

You feel hard to breath. You feel like all of the people in this society are locked down in a huge cage. You feel scared . You feel sad. You feel stuck so much. The sound of their aggressive conversation is so uncomfortable...

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You say,

Very interesting! Haha. If I have to go to prison because of my beliefs or my philosophy, then I don't mind spending a couple of years... I think it would just be accepted as the creed of a truth-seeker. I have no idea why this causes a problem. Really, why...?

OH:

It means that obligatory military service makes it possible for individuals to be recognised as intact citizens in many cases. It is a very old-fashioned view. I suppose it is fine for people to think that way in a subjective point of view but the problem is that people are insisting it on, you know, others. It means sending totally normal people to prison and giving them a hard time. I call this violence.

You say,

-1 Huh. But, When our conscience stays in our hearts, inwardly within us, then it is absolutely assured... However, if it is expressed in the outside world and specified into actions, then the law could impose limitation in case it is needed for the national security objectives!

Oh:

Should revealing our conscience externally lead to punishment without question? I don't think so. We are in a democratic state. Is it right for people to not get punished if they have a conscience in their hearts, but punished if it is revealed to the society? That's not it. If people disclose it, then different conditions should be verified and the system should be built towards ensuring their right to speak out about their conscience, as much as possible. That is what democracy represents.

You:

Huh! Sounds super nice scenario for you to avoid the responsibility to become a good citizen. It was funny talk. Super funny.

You smile bitterly and leave the place. <Epilogue>

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You say,

Ah... You aren't simply rejecting your military service, you are aiming to making a sincere approach towards the matter (conscientious objection of military service) based on your strong belief. That's amazing. But, it can really make your surroundings hurt.

Oh:

I think there are many things that get in the way and I have to cope with if I follow my conscience and creed. It is that I might become a person with a criminal record or make my mother sad. But just because of that.... I can't help it...

You feel ashamed. You feel you would like to support them as much as you can.

You:

... I really don't care about this situation even though it is OUR issue. There are many who don't even know that there is some people like you and your situation. I feel like I have to make it known to them...!

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You want to avoid him

A man comes to you and the objector. He looks quite young.

Young man say,

Don't manipulate this person. Others all serve in the army regardless of personal preference, either for or against their own will. How can they do that if they really do have a conscience? There's nothing good about going to the army. But then, how about them? They are just trying to have it easy. What's so special about them that they deserve the special advantage?

OH:

Conscience isn't a concept that simply involves traditional values or personal ethical values. Instead, it is also a way of expressing personal perspectives, opinions, and claims as upright and mature citizens in the society...

You

1. keep on listening
2. leave the place hurriedly

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Young man say,

No. No. Listen. This is how I see it. Other people are risking their lives to service in the army, I mean taking up arms means giving one's life? But then, you are not willing to give your life for your country, isn't that it?

OH:

However, foreign countries are granting the right of conscientious objection for those who don't take up arms. That is the freedom of conscience assured in the Constitutional Law...

Young man say,

Haha! Oh please, do some research on it. You're not willing to do it, but you expect others to.... What's up with that?

He leaves with angry face. You feel like this objector make all this happen. You turn around the people looking at this objector weirdly. So do you.

You say,

What made you to do this... This is... so bad for everyone...Bye. I... I cannot handle this talk anymore.

Oh.

Sorry to make you feel uncomfortable. But...but, just because of that.... I can't help it.

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-2 answer

While you leaving the conversation, you see 1. A minister of church talking to people
2. An old woman next to the objector.

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'Love your neighbour like yourself.'

minister of church say,
I am a minister myself and I completely believe in this command, so while they are pushing through in order to keep their conscience, build peace, and observe the truth, I acted as if I was blind and deaf and pointed my finger at them as I did not bother to earnestly listen to their voices. I can't express in words how ashamed and miserable I feel about myself...

You think,
"Phew... The minister's talk is very.... very pathetic. This is so harsh to everyone... This is harsh....

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An old woman says,
My son... my son...It makes me sad... What's there to brag about, he's not going to the army. Haha. Someone who goes against the national law doesn't have anything to show off. He will end up in prison...How dares he choose that path... How dares he do this to me...

You think,
"Oh my goodness. His mom is there. This situation is so cruel. Hope the government care them...Hopefully.

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Making structure for each page and directly put them into html! Finish this structure tomorrow and let's start designing it in the evening!

Home screen and Epilogue!!! (Sunday)

And Finalise the design for the VHS part.

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YOU ARE HOME NOW.
YOU SIT ON A SOFA AND WATCH A NEWS.</br> ON SCREE, PRESIDENT
'TAE JUNG KIM' IS CRYING OUT </br> ON A STAGE TOWARDS PEOPLE.
CLICK THE BACKGROUND TO SEE THE VIDEO.

“Solid security is the foundation of peace! It not only goes against the constitutionality of citizens’ obligatory contribution, and it is absolutely unacceptable, given that 700,000 young people are putting their lives at risk to make a sacrifice for our country!”

You
Wow. People are like, reacting on his speech so intensely.
Is that agreeing cry? or disagreeing one?

YOU REMIND OF THE HAPPENING WITH OBJECTOR.
YOU REMIND OF WHAT HE SAYS. YOU REMIND OF WHAT YOU SAY.
AND YOU SEE HOW THE SOCIETY TREATS OBJECTOR.
YOU THINK THOROUGHLY. AND...

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You open your eyes. You fell asleep while not knowing.
The screen is still with black and white graphics, and weird sounds.

While you waking up, in your head, the sentence that you couldn't finish is floating.

You grab one pen and paper sitting next to the screen and start writing your answer.
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