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Writing Assignment

Description of a library in 500 years

The topic reminds me of 'Black Mirror' and 'Love, Death & Robots'. According to one scene-setting of 'Black Mirror', people master the technology to implant memories into chips that can be extracted and directly put into imaging at any time. They can also experience the magical reality that people upload their consciousness to the virtual space after death, experience life, and maintain the "soul" forever. The black technology of film is a unique perspective of the way we think about our future.

The picture that I drew of a library in 500 years is set in an era of the brain-computer interface. Worldbuilding seems to become an empty shell. The world is basically about to coexist with the duality of body and machine.

The popularity of the BIC (Brain-Computer Interface) makes the connection between machine and brain becoming more and more practicable. The Brain-computer interface is the link between humans and machines, which means the way of obtaining book information from the library is a utopia in the future.

The method to tell whether an individual has reading permission is based on the individual's creditworthiness and usage level. Usage level is associated with brain capacity. As we all know, there is no safe system in the entire world. The development trend of the world seems to be a complex system. In the future, the control of the library is no longer a behavior of the government or public, but individuals. Individuals must participate under this huge system. Whether there is an organizer within the system has become no

longer important, in that case, we only need to obey the borrowing rules and the punishment mechanism under certain principles.

This therapy somehow reminds me of one episode from 'When The Yogurt Took Over' from 'Love, Death & Robots'. To be more specific, there is a very ironic clip in the film, yogurt gives the government a very complex formula, requiring them to strictly implement it, which is expected to solve the debt problem within a decade. Finally, the government failed to strictly implement it, moreover, the public start to doubt themselves and become dependent on yogurt. By the same token when I built the future library in my mind, I realize that the source of anxiety is not technology, but people themselves. Science and technology are only the catalysts for the realization of morality and desire in humans.