

The Paradigm Shift: the prologue By Mohammad Khan

I guess it's true. Everyone dies alone and no one's coming to save you. When the population of the world hit 10 billion, our resources were nearly depleted and climate change has been eroding our way of life. We were warned that humanity had only two years to get its act together before the world ended. I didn't expect the reaction to be this cruel. It was so easy for everyone to turn on each other when knowing that doomsday was imminent and plan to save humanity demonstrated this. The plan to save humanity: get rid of the imperfect humans, those hogging the resources because of their handicaps and illnesses. Soon millions of disabled people were banned to purgatory in an instant while the rest of the world believed it was for the greater good. The label 'disabled' expanded to any human who uses any device that helps them function in the real world. People who require hearing aids, wear glasses, have pacemakers, were sentenced to purgatory. And I was banished with them to hell on earth.

The world is a cruel unforgiving place that doesn't give without taking. I learned that lesson the hard way. My only escape from this hell was a dream.

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