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## **Independent Reading Response Conflict**

The main character Titus faces conflict while he and his friends are on the moon for vacation. While on the moon they go to a party and at that party, their "feeds", which is a chip in their brains that acts like computers and connects them to everything, are hacked. The external conflict of the book is how the people act in a world where "feeds" control every aspect of their lives. The "feed" knows where you are what you are doing and what you like. The internal conflict is how Titus and his friends will survive without their feeds for an amount of time. After passing out they all wake up in a hospital. The doctors had disconnected them from their "feeds" so that they could analyze what happened and catch the hacker before they hacked into more people's feeds. My character does not seem to handle this very well because he seems to have nothing to do without being connected to his online chats, news, games, music, and other entertainment. We can see this in the quote "I was currently disconnected from the Feednet, of course, and I was starting to get scared, so I tried to chat my parents, I tried to chat them on Earth, but there was no transmission, etc., I was currently at. So I opened my eyes." (Anderson 43). Based on his reaction to what happened in the quote we can infer that he cannot understand the feeling of not being connected to the "feed". This is an issue because the feed controls all thoughts or at least influences all thoughts, from now on Titus and his friends have to find a way to live their lives without it. That means that they cannot contact other people easily or find the

location of their built-in "Lunar GPS" which shows them where they are from anywhere in the world and still live in this type of environment.