

A deadly routine

Kevin is a man. He lives in a future society which is regulated by the government by using technologies. He is about 30 years old. He has neither wife nor children. He has a small flat in the city. Every day of his life look alike because every object in his house is administered by a mainframe that is programmed by the authority. It schedules all his entire days in the same way. The alarm clock rings at 6:30 AM. The shower activates automatically at 6:35 AM during five minutes. Meanwhile, his wardrobe chooses his clothes for the day. The fridge prepares his breakfast for 6:55. The radio starts automatically on the government station. He must leave his home before 7:30 AM to go to his law firm. He walks all-day long and comes back home at 7:00 PM. He has one hour of free time to praise the jurisdiction on the street. After this pleasant hour, he eats his dinner cooked by the fridge. He then hits-the-sack.

Hitherto, his routine suited him but he became too sorrowful as each day passed. He began to think about his life and wonder why it was such a mess. So he decided to register in a support group to feel better. On his way back home he was approached by a stranger who was distributing leaflets. The stranger looked very watchful and left very quickly, the leaflet was about anti-regime ideas. Kevin was at first very shocked but his mind changed really fast. He realized that his routine and the society were the problem. He couldn't handle it anymore. He met the same stranger another time "by luck" two weeks later after his gathering of peevish people. He walked towards him and shook his hand. They proceeded to discuss their opinion on society. The stranger finally told him about a secret society which left the city illegally to settle in the country-side. He said that he was a ferryman who could help him to join the organization. He warned Kevin that the operation was very dangerous and that they needed to leave in the middle of the night for better chances to succeed. Kevin was a bit scared of the risks but he knew it was his best chance to get a more entertaining life. The stranger arranged "a rendez-vous"(avec l'accent bien sûr) three days later at 2:00 AM. Kevin packed his stuff for the week of walk to the camp. He met the same stranger who was with three other people and the group got away from the city using the sewage system. They emerged next to a river and they began their long journey. After one week of intense walk they arrived in the verdant valley where was located the rebels and Kevin started to enjoy life again. Life was very peaceful in the community. They were hunting and cultivating to prepare for the harsh winter. After a week of his new life, one of the watchmen of the camp alerted the other rebels with a signal that a squad of trucks were coming. Panic spread really fast such as wildfires in California. Everyone started to run like a bat out of hell. After two hours, the special agents from the government managed to apprehend most of the rebels. After a chase of one day, Kevin stumbled on a rock and fell unconscious for 15 seconds. Unfortunately, this was enough for the agents to catch him up. When he woke up, he was surrounded by unknown faces. They brought him into a jail where a policeman questioned him about potential other communities like Kevin's one. During the interrogation, he learned that his government-operated fridge placed a GPS tracker in his meal. He realized that he drove the community to doom. The guilt made his life unbearable in jail. But it will soon end because of his execution planned at dawn.