

"THE  
HARD  
RESET"



# The NEW UNION

for a better World

31st of December 2050

## Reminder of new established Rules

Dear workers of the Beljovo nuclear power plant,

The council of the New Union and all its citizens greatly thank you for your hard work. As registered awake employees of the state you already have signed the documents that obligate you to comply with the new rules, that have been put into place, to ensure the best possible recultivation of the union's environment, as well as to heal our world's climate.

The following restates these new rules.

Breaking any of them will be punished and prosecuted by law.

1. Do not interact with the surrounding environment in any way.
2. Only walk on the designated streets, walkways and paths.
3. Discovering a human being walking outside of the designated streets, walkways and paths must be reported to the nearest Sentinel base immediately.
4. It is forbidden to exist the residential area and free roam area after 8.00 p.m. except if you have an allowance.
5. It is forbidden to exist the residential area 9.00 p.m. except if you have an allowance.
6. Discovering a human being existing or outside of the residential area or free roam area after the mandated must be reported to the nearest Sentinel base immediately.
7. The food is kept in dedicated storing units and is only to be eaten at the instructed times of day:

Breakfast:	from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Lunch:	from 12.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Dinner:	from 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
8. Other supplies and medication are stored in their dedicated storing units and are only to be used during an emergency.
9. It is forbidden to steal food, supplies and medication.
10. It is forbidden to grow foods or other plants.
11. It is forbidden to communicate with any other person outside of your worker unit.
12. It is forbidden to enter the sleeping chambers.
13. It is forbidden to open any cryo-tube not containing a member of your worker unit.
14. It is forbidden to open a cryo-tube containing a member of your worker unit, outside of an emergency.
15. Discovering any unauthorized human being must be reported to the nearest *Sentinel base* immediately.
16. Do not interact with unauthorized human beings.
17. Discovering a *sleepwalker* must be reported to the nearest *Sentinel base* immediately.
18. Do not interact with a *sleepwalker*.
19. Discovering a *resistance group* must be reported to the nearest *Sentinel base* immediately.
20. Forming worker unit with members outside of your own group, organizing a worker protest, building a *resistance group* or quitting your work will be punished severely.

Thank you for your service and good luck on your journey.  
The Representative of the New Union Bruno Fritschka



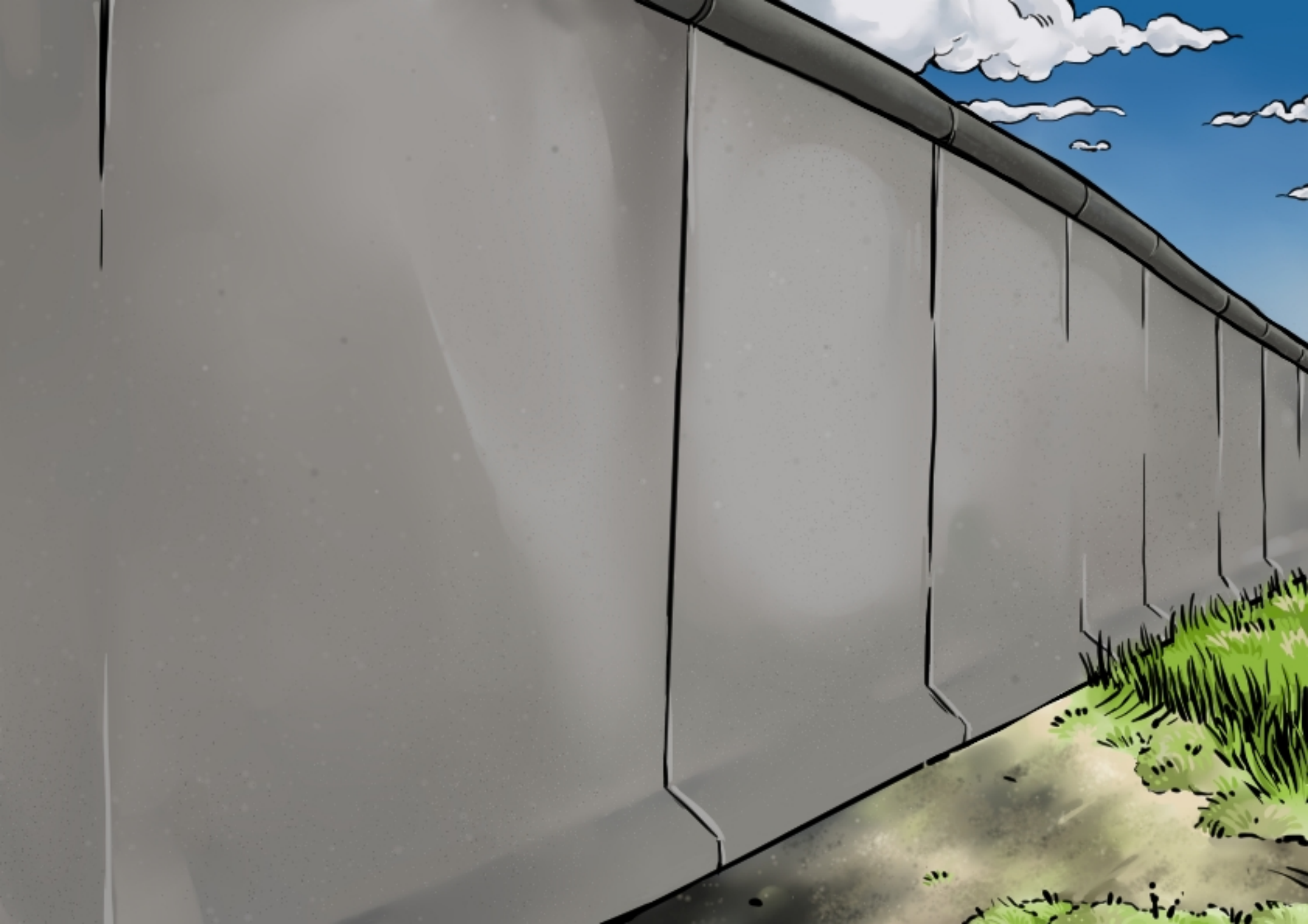
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN PAPER!!!  
AND SEND BACK!!!

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- 28.12 final meeting

↳ last prep, pack up everything  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ DON'T FORGET

- 31.12 bring Sascha to the  
sleeping chamber at (3.00 am!)





Hello my sweetheart, I'm sorry I had to leave you there all alone but I have to continue with my work. It has become even more important than before, so please don't be too mad at me. We will meet up very soon again. For you it is just one nice, long nap. For me it's a bit longer because I have to wake up from time to time, to do my work. I will still be there when you wake up and we can go back home. It's that easy.

But because I still think that you're gonna be a little mean when I pick you up, I'm going to write down all the things I do when I am awake, so that I can read them to you as a bedtime story or you can read them yourself later.

I am going to start today at the 1. January of 2051. Yesterday, after I brought you to the sleeping chamber, where you and all of the other people that live in our city sleep, my work friends, my colleges, me and so many other people were gathered at the town hall. The people I didn't know have a job just like me. There were also soldiers in the crowd. The soldiers and I will protect you during your sleep, so don't worry about a thing.

At the town hall our mayor and a politician who works for the New Union explained to us where we are going to live for the next 100 years. It's not far from where you are currently. It's a big building complex that looks like 4 hotels right next to each other. They also gave us a map of the location where we live, the places we can

spent our free time at and the roads we can use when we go to work. It is not allowed to interact with the nature in any way, so we can only visit the places listed on the map. After all that we all went to our new homes.

You see all the people who gathered at the town hall, except the soldiers, now work at the power plant. Normally most of these people would work at a different plant but for the next 100 years we don't need that much energy.

Now all of us work in "shifts". The people who don't work sleep and the people who do work live in the hotels. My colleges and me have the first shift. After that we sleep for 5 years. This repeats until 100 years have passed. But let's go back to when we moved into our new homes. So we were all split in two groups.

- Group 1: Which are my colleges and me, also known AND as the first-shifters or the ones who stay awake.
- Group 2: Which are all of our new colleges, also known as the second, third, fourth and fifth-shifters or the ones who sleep.

The second group were brought to a separate sleeping chamber, under the building complex. My group on the other hand, we could drop off our luggage at our new rooms. They showed us around where the bedrooms are, the bathrooms, the kitchen (which is really big) and all of the storage rooms for the food and medicine and other not so important stuff are.



I brought my backpack up to the living space my work friends and I share. I couldn't stay there for long though. Work began right after. I'm currently writing this in my lunch break and it will end soon but I'm going to continue later.

### • Still the 1. of January 2051 •

I'm back from work! I already told you enough times what I do and how it was and it's always the same. Barely anything new happens. Today we just had a <sup>big</sup> meeting with the staff and clear up some organizational stuff. I'm only gonna write something new down if anything crazy happens. 's

When I got back I explored my surroundings a bit. Next to the big building complex and the place in front of it, is a so called free-room-area. It is basically just a big square, like the town hall but with many benches and sitting circles. There are no lamps though. Same goes for the roads that lead to work. The only place we have lights is in our new home. And also, scratch what I first said about it being a hotel and all. It is more like an apartment complex. I live together with 3 other colleges of mine. We share a bathroom, kitchen, living room, etc... but there are still set times for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (if your at home at the moment). On the first floor we have a big room for meetings or festivities. It is

also connected to the big kitchen. Cooking, cleaning that's all stuff we have to do our-selves of course, so nothing new here. Sad, I know but what else is there to do? On my exploration, in my new home I found a library and a computer lab in the basement. I don't know what someone could actually do on the PC's with no internet. I will have to see but that's it for today. I have to get ~~up~~ out of bed early tomorrow. Good night ☺☺

### • 2. January of 2051 •

I'm back from work and done with dinner. We continued the big meeting from yesterday and everything else was the same as always. I got to tell you it is exhausting walking to and back home from work. A car would make it so much easier but that's forbidden now. I wouldn't even know how to get a car without leaving the designated roads. It wouldn't last long with no fuel though. I will get used to it, no doubt, but I don't want to walk that much. ~~is~~ x x  
Now it's time for rest. ☺

### • 3. January of 2051 •

There is something I forgot to mention.



The free-roam area does not just have benches and sitting circles. There are also steel constructions that someone could do sport with. I don't really know the name and they are hard to describe but they remind me of some elements of a playground. It was too slippery to use them so I'll wait till it's hotter.

• 5. January of 2051 •

I have finally found out what we can use the computers for. I mean they are supposed to be used for paperwork or generally if you write to write everything digitally.

Eventually if my notebook runs out I will have to resort to write everything on the PC.

But here comes the best discovery I made today. These computers have MINDSWEEPER on them!

Best thing ever.

I don't know how many nights I will spend down here. Just joking. I'd rather play some games with you but it's an option, if I'm like really, really bored. After visiting the computer lab, ~~the~~ I spent some time at the library. At least I won't run out of something to read. I also found the book I always read to you when you were still a baby. I think I will have a good

sleep tonight just because of that story.

• 7. January of 2051 •

A week now has passed and we all had a chance to settle in. It all still feels so strange. That feeling won't go away and it probably won't for a long while. Even though I'm surrounded with a lot of people it is just so empty all around. I already miss you so much. Let's hope the time flies by quick.

• 8. January of 2051 •

Sascha you may remember that as a father I know how to cook for more than one person but after a while it gets a bit annoying. Especially when you get no help from your three roommates to clean up afterwards. So, I put my foot down and created a certified chores schedule. Now not only one person has to do everything and it's fair for everybody. Problem solved!

• 13. January of 2051 •



Hey little bear, I'm writing this to you in



my lunch break again. The roads and paths, my colleges and me, walk to work, leads along the boarder pretty closely. Often enough I see soldiers patrolling the large walls. I wonder how they are doing. If they work in shifts like we do or where they live. Maybe there is a chance I get to talk to one of them someday.

### • 19. January of 2051 •

It was getting a bit boring lately, but we finally found some card and board games in a hidden drawer in the big meeting room. It was not really hidden. The drawer was just in a more obscure corner of the room. We played a bit together in a bigger groupe. We all had a nice evening that day. During our play session we decided to hold conference tomorrow. What we want to establish is that everybody who uses the meeting room or the kitchen has to clean up afterwards. Our plan was to create a chore schedule (yes, another one). We generally wanted to design a plan for what needed to be cleaned by who and when each week. Again, this would make it more fair for everybody and no one would feel treated unfairly. It is always better to do things like this more early than later. Over time

dirt would just pile up and pile up, while cleaning would just get more difficult and gross. After a while it would surely get really uncomfortable living in a dirty place and that really isn't something we want. Don't put of until tomorrow what you can do today.

### • 20. January of 2051 •

The conference went great today. We gathered most of our colleges and disussed for a few hours how we could plan the chore schedule in the most efficient way. We concluded that every Saturday a selected group will clean up the meeting room and community kitchen. But that's not all. Every two weeks another group has to clean up the library and computer lab. Each Saturday as well, a different group has to clean the floor they live in. The groups consist of the people living together in an apartment and change after each week. Simple as that. After we were all happy, we sent some people to the other apartment buildings, that the rest of our colleges could also learn the plan we made. It has been a very eventful day. Now I can finally go to bed with a smile on my face.



• 31. January of 2051 •

It's the end of January. We survived the first month. ~~Only 10 years and~~

~~44 months to go~~

Let's see how the rest of the years go.

• 14. February of 2051 •

A few work friends and I were walking on our normal road to work. At some points our way leads through a forest.

During that part today we suddenly saw a mother deer together with it's small fawn (a fawn is the name of a baby deer). When they noticed us the deer family quickly disappeared into the woods again. I don't remember the last time I saw a deer.

It was so fascinating seeing even two after this long. The only other animals I ever saw so far were birds. Normally deer don't get close to big cities but because most of Believer is asleep at the moment there is barley any noise that could scare

them away. Well, except us humans walking through their forest. I wish you could have seen them to.



• 26. February of 2051 •

Almost two months have passed and we just now noticed a shack right behind the apartment buildings. And there are even bikes inside ?!

I mean it's awkward driving with bikes through this cold weather. At least we found them before summer when we would really need them.

• 30. March of 2051 •

Hello Sascha, I'm sorry for not writing to you over the last month but nothing really happend that I could write about. I'll try to write more but there's probably not going to be much that shakes up my routine. Get up, wash up, brush teeth, comb hair, go to work, work, eat breakfast, work some more, eat lunch, work again, go home, eat dinner do something in my free time, write to you, sleep and then all repeats.

• 7. April of 2051 •

My roommates and me found something really cool today. We were on cleaning duty and Aunty Katya (note: ask if he remembers her)



was dusting away when she suddenly found a key. Oh yeah, we were cleaning the computer lab at the moment and there is a door that we could never open. Until now. The key fit and inside we discovered a treasure. So many DVDs, CDs and Blue rays. I know that you don't know what these things are and that's why I'm gonna explain it to you. They are round discs, the size of my hand with a hole in the middle. Before Netflix and Disney+ we mainly DVDs and Blue rays to watch movies on the TV. The same goes for CDs but they would play music and audiobooks on a radio.  
Another thing they didn't tell us about.

### ● 23. April of 2051 ●

Today, for the first time, I tried to contact with a soldier on the border. It's always the same one I saw. I waved him, sadly no responds. I will try further.

### ● 12. May of 2051 ●

Over a few days. I haven't seen

the soldier until today. I waved and even wished a good day but still nothing.

### ● 1. August of 2051 ●

All across June and July I kept trying to get the soldiers attention but he ignored me. I will not give up. I'm much too stubborn to just stop.

### ● 2. August of 2051 ●

Oh I forgot to mention some thing that over the summer so far. Some of my colleges are really into books, so they decided to make somewhat of a book club. They take special care of the library (also the DVDs, CDs and Blue rays) and help others find books as well as keep track of who borrowed a book. Now it's like a real library. While I'm already writing about a "club" that was formed I can tell you about the others. An even bigger group came together and now regularly play card and board games. They even organized some tournaments with no prizes though. It is just for fun. I'm a part of the "Skat club". It pretty cool I have to say.



⊛ Another group of people has formed who care for the bikes in a similar way.

• 19. August of 2051 •

Over the summer I've often driven to work with a bike. It's definitely faster this way even though I already got used to the walking. Biking is way better. It is so nice feeling the wind on my skin. When we're together again we need to get you a bike so we can drive around the city and nature.

• 4. September of 2051 •

Today is the big day. You're finally turning 6! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!** At least you would if you were here. I wish you could be here. Then I could cuddle you and give you lots of kisses. You could open your presents. I know exactly the gift would be most excited about. But it's not possible at least not yet.



But you know what is possible. All the birthdays that we can't celebrate together, we will make up for when you're awake. It will be 100 times cooler than ever. I promise.  
I love you Sascha. I miss you so much.

• 11. October of 2051 •

I know that it is forbidden to interact with the nature but picking up leaves from the ground is not really interacting is it?

• 8. November of 2051 •

A few weeks ago, I decided to walk alone to and back home from work. Being together with a lot of people all of the time tired me out and I needed to be alone for a while. On time when I walked to work I saw the deer with its child again. The fawn definitely grew over the months I didn't see it. This time when they spotted me, they did not run away immediately. The fawn even got closer to me. I accidentally stepped on a branch taking a step forward. I scared them away but I feel fortunate seeing them again.



• 27. December of 2051 •

Over the rest of the year I still tried to communicate with the soldier. Greeting him everytime I saw him on top of the walls and today he finally waved back! It is a real winter wonder.

• 30. December of 2051 •

Tomorrow is my final workday of the year. Our shift ends and another groupe begins theirs. We have to pack up most of our things already, so that tomorrow will go over smoothly. And then we sleep and wake up 5 years later. They told us that it we feel like a normal 8-hour sleep. I'll test this statement.

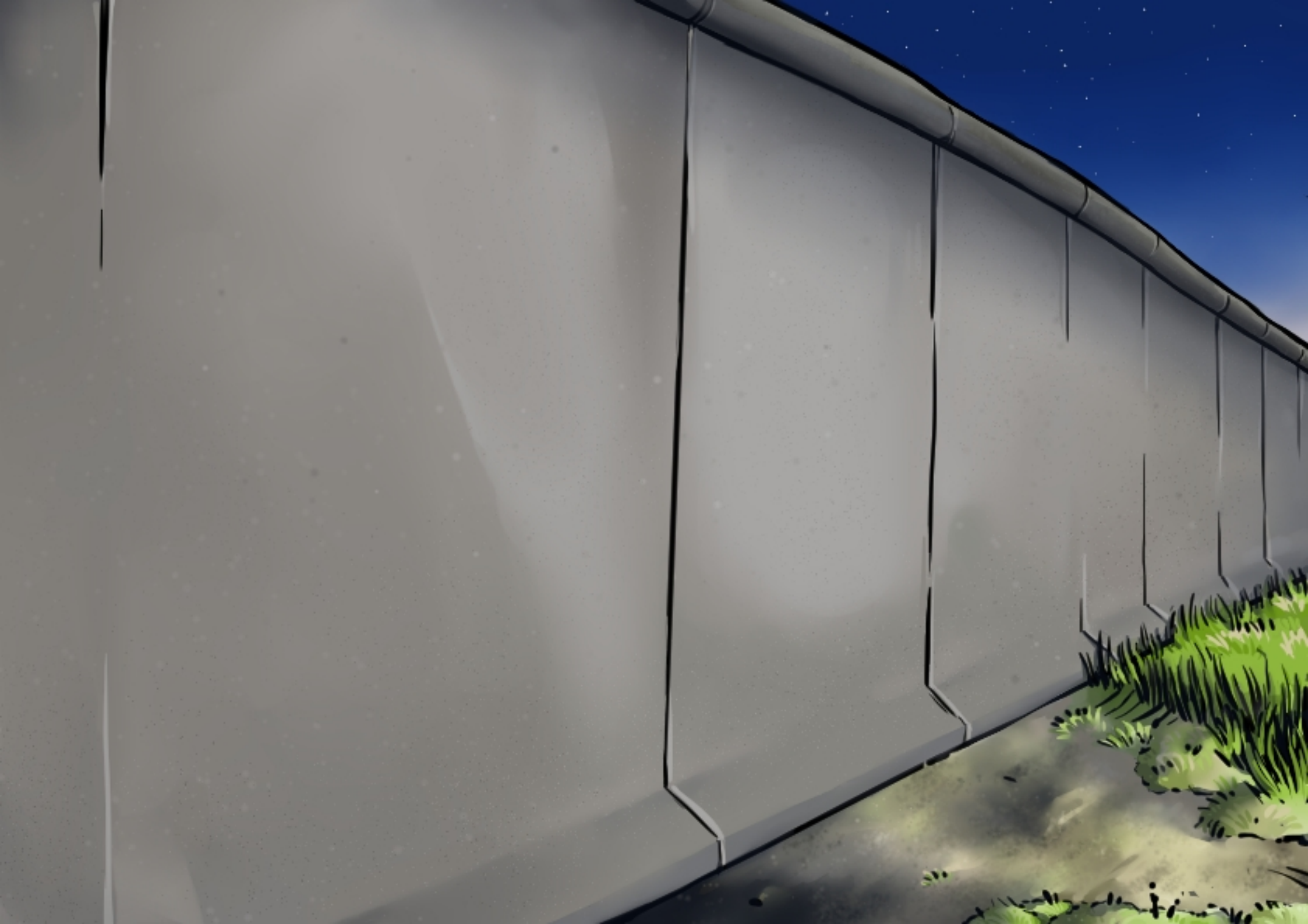
Then see you in a bit.

Good night. ☆

~~Hopefully next year will go by faster.~~

THE  
SECOND YEAR

2056











• 1. January of 2056 •

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I'm finally back!

Sleeping five whole years and it really just feels like a nap.

Waking up in that gloomy sleeping chamber was a little bit scary because at first, I didn't remember why I was in that cry-tube. But after a few seconds I remembered. We got our luggage from a separate room and moved into our apartment building. Again, we couldn't stay for long. Work was the same that day. Now I'm lying in my bed exhausted even though I just slept for 5 years.

• 5. January of 2056 •

Today after work, some colleges and I were sitting together in the big meeting room. We talked about a lot of things but one topic really stood out. This long discussion brought me back to try to explain to you why the world is like it is today. I don't think I did a good enough job the first time and you deserve to understand. So where do I begin...

We, the humans have lived on our

planet earth for a very long time. Saying that this is our earth isn't even true. Humans are animals, just like fish and bears and insects are. We are all a part of the earth. We humans share this world with every other being and that means not just other animals but also plants and even the ground and water itself. Our world can be separated into two sections.

One section is the nature, so where most animals live and plants grow. And the other section, which is the rest, so everything built by humans.

Humans have gone through a lot of evolution over centuries. You maybe remember the time we went to the natural history museum. It had a part about the stone age. The humans back in that time lived very differently. They didn't have any cars, large homes or electricity to watch TV like we do today. Over some time, humans invented all these things and that's because we are very intelligent (and have thumbs). More intelligent than any other animal on this planet.

Let's get back to nature. Mother nature is very complex but also follows such easy rules. Everything in nature follows the shape of a circle. You could say it



is the circle of life. When something dies in nature, something else comes into life. A plant grows and gets eaten by a caterpillar. The caterpillar gets eaten by a crow. The crow gets eaten by a fox. The fox gets eaten by a wolf and the wolf gets eaten by a bear. After a while the bear dies and its body becomes fertilizer for the ground on which new plants can grow. This is called a food chain.

(Nowadays humans are on top of every food chain because of our intelligence). Here is another example. An old tree functions as a home for many different animals. Because the tree is so old it gets brittle and falls over. The dead tree gets eaten up by mushrooms and insects and decays over time.

It becomes fertilizer for the ground as well. Where once stood an old tree, there now is space for a new one to grow into the sky.

Mother nature is always able to heal herself but that takes a lot of time.

I said before that we humans are a part of nature but I also separated the earth in two parts. The things we humans make just look too different to a forest, field or ocean.

To create our inventions and build up

our cities, we still need to collect resources that are only found in nature. We cut down trees to make paper and design furniture. We take stone out of the earth to construct our houses. We mine for metal in the ground to build cars and TVs.

But today we feel so disconnected from our actual planet that we just take and take and take to create more and more and more. We take so much from mother nature that she has no time to heal herself and we barely help her with this. Resources like stone and metal don't grow back. At some point we will run out of them. By taking these resources and not giving anything in return we are destroying our planet and with this we are killing every animal and plant. We are **RUINING NATURE**. The part of our planet that makes a human life possible. We have already used up most of earth's resources. But we humans and all animals need a nice world to live in. A world where you have fun living in it. This is especially important for children like you Sascha. Here steps in the New Union. The New Union is made up of many different countries, our country is a part of them, with the aim to heal the world's nature by



removing the aspect that destroyed it in the first place. Us humans. This is the last option we have, to prevent more destruction. "The Hard Reset", The plan we are in the middle of right now, is to let most humans sleep in cryo-tubes for a full 100 years. These machines are stored in a huge chamber underground. During the century of sleep mother nature has enough time and space to completely restore herself. When we wake up, we can reclaim our cities and care for nature in a better way. Not only take but also give back. You know not every country is part of the New Union. That's because they have most of their nature intact and don't need to participate in this extra program. The borders around the countries of the New Union were just built to protect the sleeping (and still working) people. Hope fully you understand this situation a bit better now. I can still answer your questions if you have any. Looking back, it was kind of dumb writing this all down. I could just explain it all after you wake up but at least I feel better now. I really needed to get this off my chest. Well, that's everything I wanted to say. See you in a few years.

• 19. January of 2056 •

Walking through the cold weather. Even though I ended my year in the winter, started in the winter and came out of a cryo-tube my body still has to get used to the temperature. There is one good thing to report. I saw the soldier again and he even recognized me! He waved and greeted me. We even talked for a while. Not much but still, it is nice meeting someone outside of my work.

• 2. February of 2056 •

Today it finally hit me. 5 years have passed in the time I was asleep. Nature hasn't changed that much since 2051 but still it's so weird. Five years doing nothing. I noticed it when I was looking out of the window right next to my bed. Before I could see the top of a guard tower from the boarder but now there are just trees. It's only natural I guess.

• 4. March of 2056 •

Over the last months the soldiers and I talked more and more. Not



only about how our days were going or the weather. Deeper stuff. His ~~name~~ name is Mr. Kalinin. My neck might hurt afterwards because I have to look up constantly but it's a nice refresher.

Oh yeah and on my way home today I saw the fawn again, you know, the one I saw ~~last~~ 5 years ago. It's not a fawn anymore but a grown-up deer with horns and all (small horns). So it is a he. We stared at each other for a while. Maybe he recognized me?

Then the deer tilted his head downwards, like if he was bowing. I did the same and when I looked up again the deer was slowly walking away. I wonder if he was trying to tell me something.

### • 27. April of 2056 •

Today I was walking home from work when I suddenly saw auntie Katya walking into the forest. I don't mean that she walked on the path in the forest, no she really walked outside of the path. The rules state that it is forbidden to interact with nature in any way, so I called out

to her. She got scared and turned around but was relieved when she saw me.

Auntie Katya told me that she wanted to grow some potatoes in the forest, where they would be hidden. I knew that she is a flower fanatic but

Normally I would have had to report her to the soldiers for breaking the rules but she isn't really hurting the nature by growing some potatoes. It's just a hobby to her. I assured Aunt Katya that I will keep her secret and that I am going to help her tidy up the small garden at the end of summer.

### • 18. July of 2056 •

The soldier Mr. Kalinin and I became good friends and today he invited me to come up to him on top of the walls. The view was amazing. Seeing the world from this height. It was so different from what I've done over the last years. On the other side of the wall, we saw two children. A boy that was about your age and an older girl that was about 15 years old. Mr. Kalinin knew these two. They are siblings and often come to the



wall to spraypaint it. We waved, they waved back. The smaller one more enthusiastically than the older sister. They seemed very sweet. We didn't want to bother the siblings, so I talked some more with Mr. Kalinin. The soldier patrolling the boarder also work in shifts like we do and in the exact same way. Six groups and after one year they changes who stays awake. After saying my goodbyes to everyone I went back home but before I could go Mr. Kalinin told me his first name. He is called Adrian. So I guess we are on a first name basis now.

I think it was a pretty successful day today.

• 26. August of 2056 •

The potatoes are fully grown. Today Aunty Katya and I harvested and smuggled them into the storage unit undetected. Before that we covered the small garden with leaves and twigs, so that nobody would suspect a thing. It was a real potato adventure but my heart can't take any more. If Katya

is gonna pull something like this off in the next year, I am not going to help her. It sounds harsh but I would just die of an heart attack. That wouldn't be good of either of us. Let's hope I don't die and Katya does'nt get caught, If she it again.

• 4. September of 2056 •

Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday dear Sascha. Happy Birthday to you! "🎂"

• 30. December of 2056 •

It's the last day of the year again and everything is happening in the same way like in 2051. This year definitely went by quicker but I feel like that because I wasn't really conscious the entire time. I flew through each day like it was nothing except the first days of January, when I talked to Adrian, when I went on a potato adventure with aunty Katya or your birthday. Well see you in 2061.



# THE THIRD YEAR

2061









What do you think?

WOW!  
So cool  
!!!



Do you think it looks like this on the other side of the wall?



No. I think it probably looks way uglier.

• 2. January 2061 •

I totally forgot to write you yesterday and I'm sorry. To be honest though there wasn't anything new that happened. We woke up, got our luggage, went up to our rooms, got ready for work, went to work, got back from work and then slept. Basically, you didn't miss anything.

• 11. February 2061 •

It is way easier to notice now, the nature all around us has changed way more. Big trees have gotten even bigger and there are smaller ones growing out of the ground everywhere. Grass, herbs and ivy have overgrown a lot of streets and roads and have even started to cover some of the buildings in the city. At least in the small part that I walk through to get to work.

• 4. March of 2061 •

You won't believe it but today I saw the deer again. I checked and

it has been exactly 5 years since we last met. He has even bigger antlers now, so majestic. Like he is the king of the forest. I stopped dead in my tracks when I saw the deer. When he noticed me, he didn't stop walking and he did not run away either. No, he began stepping closer to me. I don't believe it. Then he was just a few meters away from me. Suddenly some of my work colleges could be heard in the distance and the deer sprinted away. What a bad timing.

I don't know why the deer came closer to me but he definitely did not see me as a threat. It seems he really remembers me.

• 1. May of 2061 •

Something very terrible happened today. Auntie Katya was caught in her potato garden. Someone must have seen her walking outside of the designated path and reported her to the soldiers. They took her ~~to~~ away.

She told no one about her plan, not even me. She did it all on her own. I mean ... Katya probably wanted to protect me by



not telling anyone what she was going to do but if my mind wasn't this set on not helping her again I could have ~~shout~~ I don't know if she wouldn't have got caught if I were there or if we both were going to be caught. I could have never seen you again... It's just ...

• 25. June of 2001 •

Seeing and speaking with Adrian is a nice change of pace from my normal life. Today after work we were hanging out on top of the boarder, when we saw the two siblings again.

Adrian said that they were painting the wall as always. The younger brother greeted us with a wave while the bigger sister looked at us very shortly and then turned her gaze towards the wall. These two changed so much since the last time I saw them.

Five years. They were five years older ...

The boy that reminded me of you so much, now could be your older brother.

To be honest it scares me. I think it's ~~so~~ scary. We stay the same

~~but these people outside of the boarder grow up, get old and live their lives. It's unfair, isn't it? It's unfair because not even what I just said is completely true. All of the workers that are alive age. My colleges age, the soldiers age and I age. Not 100 years but 20. 20 is still so much. 20 years wasted. 20 years away from my life. 20 years that I don't get to spend with you. It's so unfair.~~



• 4. September of 2001

I wish you a Happy Birthday Sascha.  
I miss you so much.



The fourth year

2066






I hate it.

What?  
Our work?

No, everything else

These fucking **ARGH!**  
Ecofascists are ruining  
our entire world!  
I just can't take it anymore.



A comic book panel showing two characters standing on a grassy hill under a blue sky with white clouds. The character on the left is a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a light blue jacket over a dark blue shirt and dark, worn-in jeans. She has her arms crossed and is looking towards the other character. The character on the right is a young man with brown hair, wearing a black t-shirt and light-colored pants. He is holding a small object in his hands and looking back at the woman. There are three speech bubbles: one from the woman on the left, one from the man on the right, and one from the man on the right that overlaps the top of the woman's speech bubble.

...  
She is against  
leaving as well  
You know that.  
I just want our old  
life back.  
It's not fair.

Why do you want to  
stay here so badly.  
Everybody is leaving for the city.  
They all realized that  
barley anything gets  
out here anymore.

It would be way  
better for mom.



• 4. September of 2066 •  
Happy Birthday Sascha

THE  
FIFTH YEAR

2071



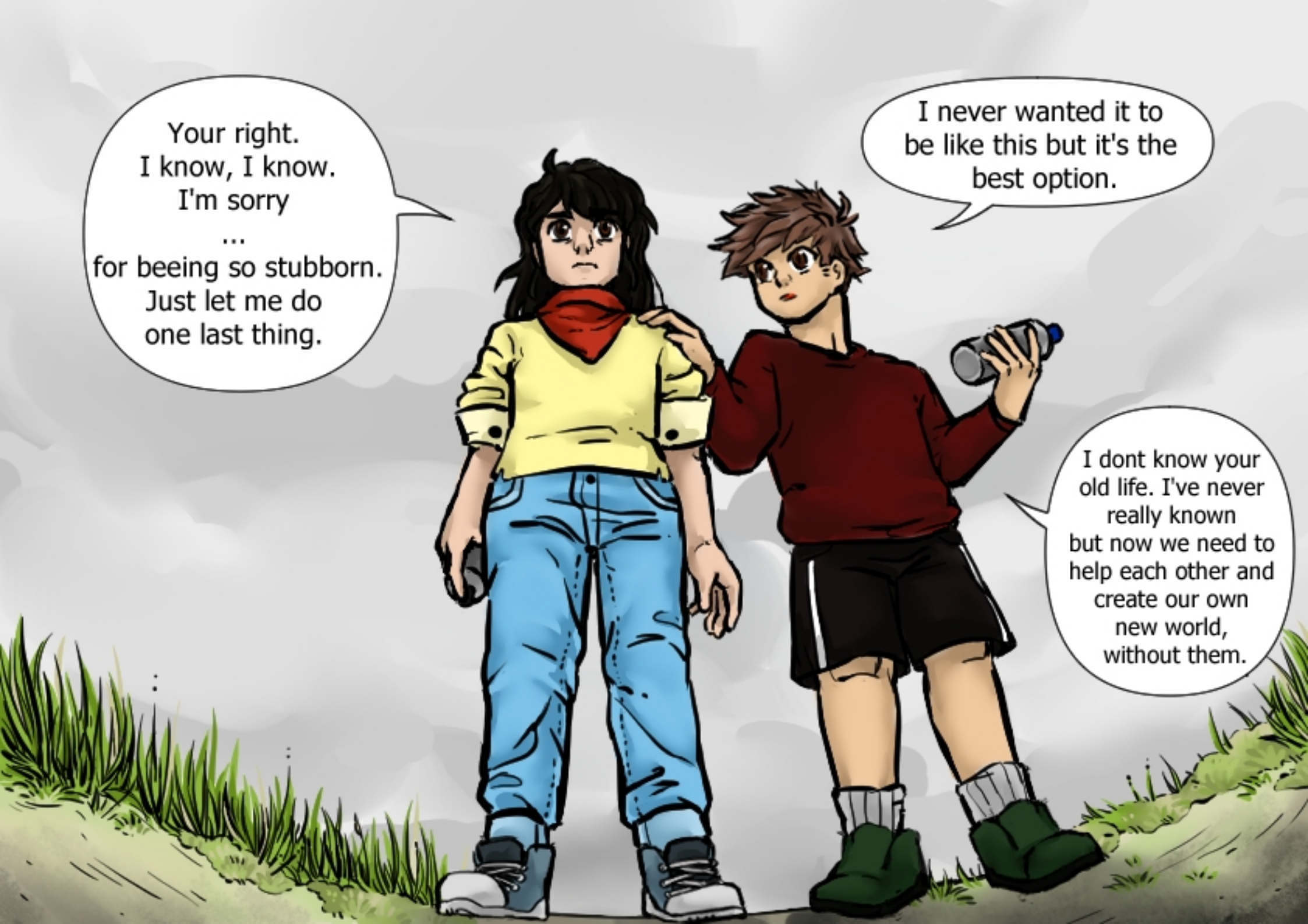
A graffiti-covered wall with a large, stylized 'goodbye' sign in the center. The sign is white with a thick black outline. To the right, a smaller sign says 'false' in a similar style. The background is a mix of purple, blue, and white graffiti. A black metal railing runs across the top of the wall. In the foreground, there are green bushes and a grey path.

goodbye

false

Come on,  
we need to go home.  
The others are waiting.

You got what you  
wanted little bro.



I never wanted it to be like this but it's the best option.

Your right.  
I know, I know.  
I'm sorry  
...  
for beeing so stubborn.  
Just let me do  
one last thing.

I dont know your old life. I've never really known but now we need to help each other and create our own new world, without them.



~~• 1. January of 2011 •~~

• 31. January of 2011 •

Hello my little bear, I am sorry for not writing to you for one entire year but I felt like my heart would crumble apart if I did.

Now I want to tell you what happened over the last year I was awake. In 2061 nothing very important happened so I'm gonna leave that out and I have to say 2066 wasn't very eventful either but this is mostly because of how I felt and even feel now. After meeting the siblings again in 2061, I was reminded of you so much and that I won't see you for such a long time. This made my heart ache.

I asked myself how I truly feel about our world and the situation we are stuck in now. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Last year (2066) I barley got out of bed. I just felt so tired and demotivated all of the time. At some points I felt completely empty.

Not going to work seemed like

the best option to me. Everything else than what I was experiencing for the last years seemed better to me and that includes them taking me away because I were breaking the rules. But I didn't. I continued like nothing was wrong. I have something I need to fight for.

Over the year all of the people grew together even more. New groups formed with the aim to help others with a certain problem, for example a few of my colleges created a team that cut the hair of people in need and they do it really well. We started to celebrate the halfway point of with a big gathering in the meeting room each year. And when I excited my bed outside of the work-time, I became the person with second highest highscore in Mindsweeper. No one knows who the number one is. You remember the deer I saw a few times, right? Yeah, for a long time I didn't, up until we finally met again. At the end of 2061. He was even taller and his horns were even more mighty. A true king of the forest. He wasn't alone though. A heard of deer were right behind him.



They stood there as their leader walked closer to me. Like he did when we last saw each other. Now he stood right in front of me. I reached out my hand to touch his nose and he let me. We were like this for only a few seconds, but we understand each other better now. We humans have scared away and hurt the animals of our world so much and now we have to start repairing that relationship. I think this was a first step. Since then I have not seen the heard of deer, besides one small fawn. I don't know if it lost its group or if it likes to wonder of alone (reminds me of somebody else) but I always leave some berries on the side of the path, when I go to work. Don't worry I did not forget Adrian. We still talk quite often however I don't visit him on top of the wall anymore.

Sascha, I want to be honest with you. Like I said before I started rethinking my view of our world. I wrote you that we humans have destroyed and taken from the earth for such a long time. The New

Union made it seem like that the Hard Reset is the only option we have left to save our world and they are right. They seem like the saviors of our planet but they are nothing like that. Since the 20th century we have already known what kind of consequences the excessive mining of coal or other resources, as well as cutting down of so many forests could have, we just ignored it. They ignored it to make more things that they could sell to make money. Or at least the people with power in this world have, like politicians and businessman for example. Like politicians from the New Union. We never only had this one option. We could have just stopped destroying our nature 30 years back and everything nowadays would be much better. We wouldn't have had to resort to the Hard Reset (a plan that is splitting this world apart). It sounds so easy and it should be but in this world it never is... The dirt that could have been cleaned up earlier, was pushed back so much, until it couldn't be ignored anymore and was too late for everything to get better. Our nature may heal



itself but maybe not completely. I don't know if when everybody wakes up, we will be more careful with our environment but sadly I don't believe in it. The bad habit of not caring will repeat. Our planet's health and in turn our living spaces health should be the first priority, but it isn't. Money is.

I don't believe the reason behind the action of excluding countries from the Hard Reset is true. I think they were excluded because these countries are considered not important (not powerful) or just simply poor. This is so unfair that it makes my stomach turn. ~~Only caring for your own countries environment is~~

I don't know how these countries are doing. There is no information getting inside or out. For them it's like half of the world disappeared. It must be difficult. Hopefully after this is all over we can make up and create a good relationship between every country. Let's hope that we treat the world, we share with so many beings, with more respect. This is wishful thinking but it's the only thing we can do right now.

Sascha what I want you to understand is that every human is equally important. Don't hate people because of where they come from or how they grew up. I want you to be smarter than the New Union. I want you to see the rest of the world in a positive light with a hopeful way of thinking and the same sparkles in your eyes you've always had. I will fight for that. I love you. ♥



DON'T EVER  
WAKE UP!