



WHAT STOPPED THE CARS ON THE OTHER LANE FROM HITTING CARS GOING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION?

HA HA!

WELL, THE LINES OF COURSE!

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DIED EACH YEAR BECAUSE THEY'D CROSS THE LINES BY ACCIDENT...

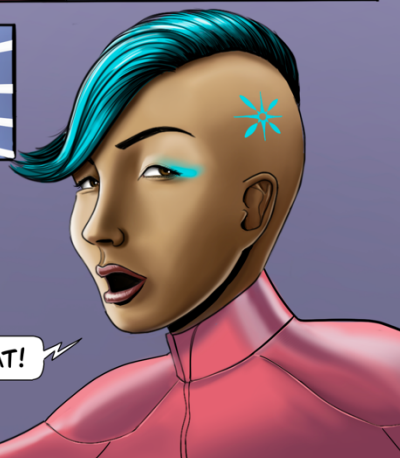
...SUCH WAS THE BRUTALITY OF THE SOCIETY BACK THEN!



INSURANCE EXISTED IN A RATHER PRIMITIVE FORM. IF YOU SUCCOMBED TO MORTAL WOUNDS IN A CAR ACCIDENT, YOUR INSURANCE COULDN'T REVIVE YOU WITH SPARE ORGANS OR ADVANCED MEDICAL PROCEDURES....

INSTEAD, THEY WOULD SIMPLY GIVE YOUR NEXT OF KIN SOME MONEY...

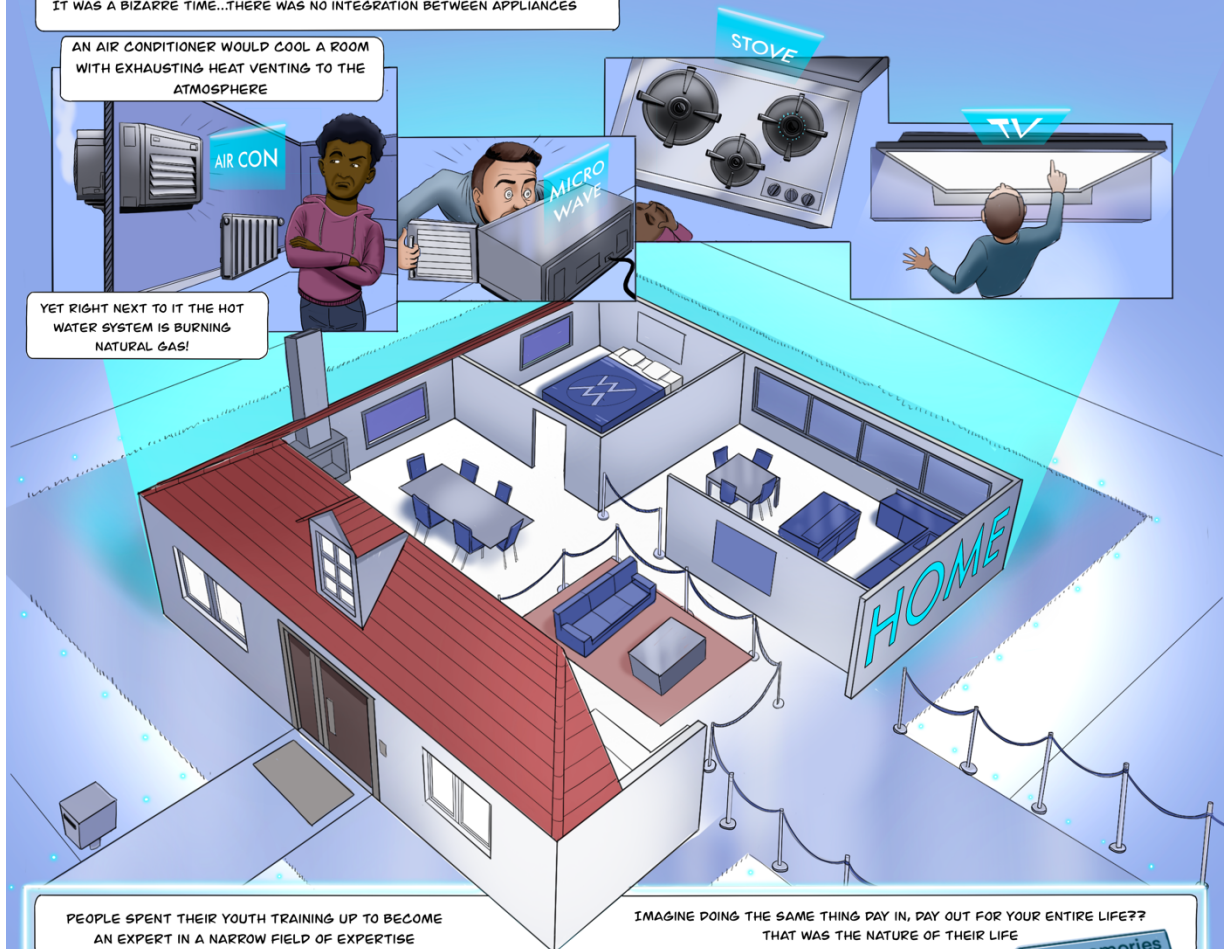
AND THAT WAS THAT!



IT WAS A BIZARRE TIME...THERE WAS NO INTEGRATION BETWEEN APPLIANCES

AN AIR CONDITIONER WOULD COOL A ROOM
WITH EXHAUSTING HEAT VENTING TO THE
ATMOSPHERE

YET RIGHT NEXT TO IT THE HOT
WATER SYSTEM IS BURNING
NATURAL GAS!



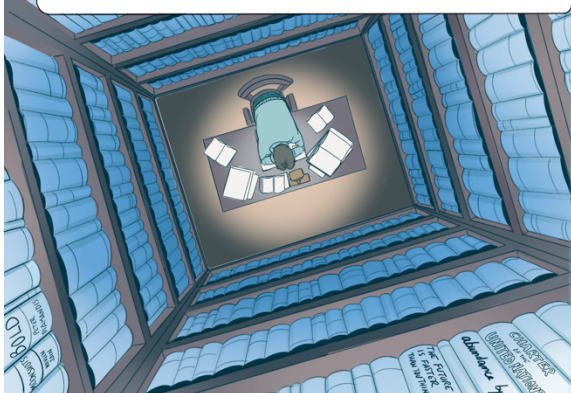
PEOPLE SPENT THEIR YOUTH TRAINING UP TO BECOME
AN EXPERT IN A NARROW FIELD OF EXPERTISE

IMAGINE DOING THE SAME THING DAY IN, DAY OUT FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE??
THAT WAS THE NATURE OF THEIR LIFE



YET, TO THEM, IT WAS THE PINNACLE OF SUCCESS: TO BECOME A LEADER IN YOUR RESPECTIVE FIELD GAINED MUCH FANFARE AND ADMIRATION FROM YOUR PEERS

EVERYTHING WAS LEARNT FROM SCRATCH IN THOSE DAYS... **EVERYTHING!**
NO NEURAL IMPLANT TO DOWNLOAD LANGUAGES & EXPERTISE



A FORTUNATE INDIVIDUAL WOULD HAVE A DEGREE OR TWO AND SPEAK A FEW
LANGUAGES...IN FACT, SOME SCHOLARLY FOLKS WOULD SPEND THEIR TIME
LEARNING MANY LANGUAGES



THESE LINGUISTS WOULD IGNITE GASPS OF AMAZEMENT FROM ONLOOKERS AS THEY
SWITCHED FROM GERMAN TO RUSSIAN

