

# 1945: Nineteen Forty-Five

## A Fictional Schooling Short Story Inquiry

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### **Abstract**

This is a work of inquiry study as fiction inspired by the works of Huxley's *Brave New World* (published in 1932) and Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* or *1984* (published in 1949) on the basis of what a dystopian schooled society could resemble in the next century. The year 1945 also marked the end of the last global-scale human conflict on planet earth. Names, characters, businesses, places, events, locales, and incidents are either the products of the author's imagination or used in a fictitious manner. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.

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## 1. Prologue

I must openly declare my bias in that I believe in democracy and democratic education wholeheartedly. Throughout this narrative I use conjecture to draft a sketch of what the future may hold one day.

**WARNING:** Dear reader, Big Blue has converted the mobile communications network to send out messages daily from the State as reminders on behalf of the Monger Vent entitled “STATE MESSAGE” and a message to follow such as: “Work hard to acquire icons” may appear unexpectedly at times in this work as a result.

### *1.1 The Beginning*

It was the year 174 LSD (Life Since Deane) the cultural atmosphere is more acidic than ever before in human history. The earth year was 2119 using the forgotten Gregorian calendar, the state no longer used the Gregorian calendar since this new calendar had been imposed by the State dictator Big Blue, the leader of the Regressive Custumal (RC) Party of Oligarchy. Big Blue wanted factory-like efficiency in schooling and labels were one of his favourite things. Creating a new true blue calendar allowed him to put his label on the State. Janith Patton, who works as a caste-her, stood looking at her hub cell in the converted aircraft hanger known as intellectual incubator: K551. The hub cell like each of the other renovated aircraft hangers housed each category classification for the young by birthing year from toddler to early adulthood. The hub cell was an authoritarian structure model in a rectangular shaped with linear seating areas, with an emphasis on silence and visual reminders for the expectation of indoctrination covered the hub’s walls. The centerpiece to the hub cell being a large tele-transform screen where messages and information was displayed to the young she had been indoctrinating. Just then the siren sounded for the young to move from the holding pen yard outside into the interior of the incubator walking in orderly lines to begin the daily indoctrination that would consume the working day as the biological breeders and custodians of the young were occupied acquiring icons which were used as the illusory-currency within what was called the blew overdrawn era in the future. The blew overdrawn period had begun almost 100 years earlier, well before Janith Patton was born. She only knew what she had been told in her own intellectual incubator by the caste-her. Janith had been selected to become a caste-her based on her quality control testing beginning at age 8 by the branch of Standardization Services or SS as they were often called for short.

#### 1.1.1 124 Years Earlier

124 years earlier in the initial days of the State of Oligarchy, the Supreme Deane was the leader of the Monger Vent and he had shaped the Ministry of Count Idea to oversee the intellectual incubators, where beginning at age three onwards until adulthood the young are sent for conditioning. In the incubators the young adhered to dress codes and controlled times of eating and indoctrination. Quality control testing began under the dictatorship of the Supreme Deane and is executed at ages eight, twelve and again at fourteen under the Ministry of Count Idea’s mirror branch of Standardization Services. Under the SS the socially adopted young would also be forced to preform free labour to the State in order to be allowed to begin

working in entry-level jobs as designated for them by the SS quality control test results. The young in 174 LSD (Life Since Deane) are placed in the intellectual incubators on annual 180 day cycles. Many living outside the State felt Big Blue longed to be like his predecessor, the Supreme Deane.

“STATE MESSAGE: Common Sense for Common People”

124 years earlier the Supreme Deane also implemented further reforms to Ministry of Count Idea by changing the minimum acceptability for SS data in the intellectual incubators from the orange zone to yellow zone and connected it with annual Ministry of Count Idea report data sent to the breeders and custodians of the young so they knew their offspring would be ready to contribute to the acquisition of icons when they completed their time in the intellectual incubator. Once tagged in the indoctrination process, the young could be assigned a label using a five-point life pathway as assigned by the caste-her:

Table 1. The Five-Point Life Pathway

Blue	Exemplary, young may be selected to work for the Monger Vent or equivalent at this level.
Green	Accomplished, gainful employment is allowed in the State.
Yellow	Barely satisfactory although a requirement for employment at the lower levels of the State.
Orange	Unacceptable and extensive remediation is required with reforms to ensure reliability in the workplace for placement in the lowest level of work.
Special Red	The worst of all possible designations, a lifetime ostracized and exclusion from gainful employment in the State. Better dead than special red.

In the indoctrination process, the young are assigned a label using a five-point life pathway.

## 2. In the State of Oligarchy

Janith Patton celebrates her utility as a caste-her and lives in the North American Right City (NARC) of Tower-Town, which is in the State of Oligarchy run by the Regressive Custumal (RC) Party. She was originally slotted into the drone delivery courier employment caste to fly drones carrying clean drinking water to sleeping units before an error in the life pathway system was corrected and she moved from yellow zone to green zone on the five point scale. The Supreme Deane came into being at the very end of World War II in 1945, the year last global war on earth ended. The Supreme Deane and his henchman The Meadow Lark had destroyed the water supply over a century earlier before Janith’s generation and it is no longer safe to drink in the year 127 LSD which is why Janith was originally going to spend her entire carbon lifecycle as a drone pilot for drinking water delivery.

“STATE MESSAGE: Icons are life, life is icons”

In the State of Oligarchy all must pledge allegiance to the Monger Vent and all young must submit to the Ministry of Count Idea from thirty-six months of age onwards. In the State of Oligarchy, in 174 LSD the Monger Vent rules supreme under Big Blue and his henchman Cravat without an opposition Party which has now been outlawed by Big Blue using his 'last man standing clause' – meaning "I win" says Big Blue. Cravat can only repeat one word "HUBS" but with different sounds and pitch. Hubs, HUBS, hubs. He can say it over 20 different ways. No one has heard him say anything else.

Here unchecked with unlimited power the Monger Vent under Big Blue and Cravat has come to replace and control all things people need for over a century. The blew overdrawn rules of 174 LSD, command that everyone must consume mind numbing buber cake and people caught sober in public must be given buber cake immediately - It's cheap and can be bought in any corner store and fixes all life's problems. Buber cake is given to everyone before Big Blue makes addresses to the masses of people. Big Blue's methods of keeping the NARC state of Oligarchy's people peaceful, includes their constant consumption of soothing, happiness-producing buber cake which is cheaper than clean drinking water in the NARC State.

The rich big business billionaires have continued to live outside of the NARC state of Oligarchy in 174 LSD and are allowed to live as people had for years before the State took control. They are not subjected to the intellectual incubators or the five point life pathway labels of the SS. Instead the rich live as free people had hundreds of years earlier. Deep down Janith doubts herself and worries it will be thousands of years before this blew overdrawn era will end, but she is unsure and tries to push the notion from her thoughts. The great anti-collaboration came in 77 LSD (The year 2022 Gregorian calendar) after people had stopped talking to each other, they forgot there was a world outside of themselves, but by then it was too late, everything else had been forgotten, libraries had been closed and only the Monger Vent's encoders media ecosystem was left to maintain understanding and that didn't last long. People had become only concerned with the social construct of currencies and how many icons they could acquire to purchase material goods and the number of icons the Monger Vent wanted from them. Often at gatherings when Big Blue would address the crowd after they had consumed copious amounts of buber cake they would chant:

"For the Icons"

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This new political movement Janith was experiencing in 127 LSD was unlike anything the world had ever known before this time, it wasn't fascism, it wasn't Nazi-extremism but a revitalized right-wing political movement from a century earlier founded in capitalism and nationalism with slogans like "make the state great again" although the people of the time didn't know what it meant and neither did the politicians it seemed like they were doing something for the people. This new right-wing populism involved appealing to the "common everyday person" and made use of anti-immigration xenophobia. The far right message of keeping immigrants out of the State would thereby return the land to a non-existent golden

age of prosperity the history revisionists were indoctrinating people with through the intellectual incubators Janith worked at. The right-wing politicians of this new radical ideological influence still had to answer to the rich elites operating external of the State, the billionaire backers living outside of Oligarchy who controlled the Monger Vent.

“STATE MESSAGE: Buber Cake is vital”

### **3. The Beginning of the End**

The right became a dominant force of the day under the Supreme Deane’s dictatorship many years before, as originally in the those days intellectual incubators were known as schools back then and were influenced steadily by the left who pushed for greater and greater less school-like elements within curriculum and began teaching things like social justice and environmentalism to the young. However, once this began the right pushed back labelling schools indoctrination stations used by the left and called for a hard return to the three r’s of back to basics in reading, writing and arithmetic. Historically, this was coupled with the far left’s acceptance of lack of due process and accepting of feelings over facts in connection with wrongful criminal convictions in the kangaroo courts of the day. The left justified this collateral damage to advance their causes and as a result this began creating the atmosphere for the end of democratic civilization. The left had forgotten that the sacrificing of the innocent in the name of justice is not justice at all. This gave the far right the rallying cry it needed to push their extremist agenda forward; #movements, inequality in the justice system, outlawing handshakes in the workplace, all laid the foundation for the hard right to begin its onslaught on the populous almost two centuries ago.

#### *3.1 The Far Right Experiment Is Upon Us*

Janith remembered being told in the incubator the laws of motion for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction in Newton’s third law. Although she had not been taught in the incubator about the true history of the State, she had found a copy of what she called an “aper” in the wall of her sleeping unit that was much like the contemporary Tower-Town Tabloid all people in the Oligarchy State must read. In the old torn copy of the “aper” it said on the pages that the right called the left the ‘lunatic left’ where feelings are more important than facts, lack of due process in courts of law ruled, double standards amongst the people existed, special treatment programmes in workplaces and even in within popular culture; all helped create the situation or circumstance for the far right to succeed. Again, Janith tried to push it out of her mind as it had gone against everything she thought was real from the indoctrination in the intellectual incubator. The “aper” also showed that the right also had behind it the financial backing of billionaires such as those of big oil, pharmaceutical companies, mining and other natural resources; something not always present in other left sphere but ever present on the right which they held the governments they propped up accountable for.

#### *3.2 Propaganda in 174 LSD*

As mentioned, the only source of media information Janith had in the State of Oligarchy was *The Tower-Town Tabloid*. The Monger Vent had declared all other sources of media information to be illegal in the Gregorian year 2022 for not maintaining the slogan messages

they felt people needed to hear. *The Tower-Town Tabloid* became the main reading of the people because the Monger Vent believed they were the only media loyal to ‘newstruth’ or the messages of the Regressive Custumal (RC) Party but by then the Tabloid had come to be simply a faithful seconder of the Monger Vent. In 174 LSD, anyone who voiced their concern against the *Tower-Town Tabloid* is reported to the thinking-judges appointed by Big Blue who persecute radical free thinkers and put them in mind-prison. Some free thinkers in the State agreed to consume buber cake constantly instead of being locked away and avoid the lifelong mental penitentiaries.

The right’s media ecosystem of the Tower-Town Tabloid helped to radicalize the right by sounding off each other in propaganda articles and echoing messages. The Tower-Town Tabloid further backed a strong censorship mandate using “community guidelines” on media commenting as a false tool to filter any messages that do not support the far right ideology. The Tower-Town Tabloid repeated messages on a propaganda scale unlike anything we have ever seen before in history. It was relentless in sending the same message repeatedly across platforms to hammer home the sloganeering of the hard right Monger Vent. Tower-Town Tabloid also known as the TTT as the three TTT’s symbol had replaced the old religious symbols of the day. The ancient religious writings are now abandoned and lost in 127 LSD, only the ‘newstruth’ of the TTT is what the people need spiritually Big Blue has told them.

“STATE MESSAGE: Big Blue cares, you know Big Blue”

The TTT before the abolishment of other media had proven their loyalty to the rich by creating detailed orders for TTT reporters to swing people’s opinion to the right and plant a right wing government in power by only reporting on issues that will help remove the centrist or left leaning political parties from power. Using a concentrated propaganda effort of editorial stance and top storylines the TTT focused on key themes to assist the far right in taking power in the NARC State of Oligarchy. Big Blue and Cravat now used the TTT to directly tell the people of the State that spending cuts to the Ministry of Count Idea will improve and modernize the indoctrination system and put standardized services scores first.

The people of the State, like Janith Patton, have been trained in intellectual incubators and by the Tower-Town Tabloid that anything they thought was bad was actually good. Large group instruction LGI helps learning Janith thought and she reminded the young in her intellectual incubator about that message. Less help was more help, whatever Big Blue and Cravat told them they accepted as fact. They were either so numb from consuming buber cake or too afraid of the thinking-judges to challenge the Monger Vent anymore. That is how democracy died in the NARC state in 127 LSD.

#### **4. Execute Imbroglia 160**

Historically on earth, experiments on a population had been recorded as being imposed on a population since the nineteenth century of the old Gregorian calendar. Experiments were justified or accepted by the Monger Vent of the day and it wouldn’t not come until many years later that these experiments were deemed unethical, dangerous or purely evil in nature. In 127 LSD, however, Big Blue’s Monger Vent began conducting experiments again on its

population without their consensual understanding.

The Monger Vent in the Ministry of Count Idea, calls the caste-her's the cheaters (which is actually an anagram of their name). A name given to them by the Supreme Deane which Cravat secretly wishes he had come up with. Supreme Deane had thought a caste-her might not follow the childhood indoctrination programmes created by the Ministry of Count Idea. The Ministry of Count Idea under Big Blue is now obsessed with 'Lonnie Learning' for the childhood indoctrination programme and all young should begin Lonnie Learning as soon as possible and can use the Lonnie-VR (virtual reality) platform. The central all indoctrinating computer system is known as 'Aurora' and replaces the traditional methods of creating a worker product when the young leave the indoctrination stations. Lonnie is cheaper and more efficient than using a caste-her and less likely to cheat because it uses a screen on a headset which Cravat and Big Blue have learned about caste-her's unreliability by reading the Supreme Deane's old journal notes. You can't have a shortage of caste-her's if you increase the HUBS to large groups for instruction (LGI) and use Lonnie Learning instead of caste-her's to save icons.

Never in the history of humanity has a government forced Lonnie Learning on a population with this scale. Nobody knows the outcomes or long term effects as no real research has been done but Big Blue and Cravat did not care. Monger Vent consultants cautioned that it should be piloted and done in steps with measured increases not in extremes but Big Blue and Cravat would not hear any of it.

All young at intellectual incubators now under Big Blue and Cravat shall be indoctrinated with only indoctrinating "Hattie MSc MA" which means that negative numbers give positives and earn degrees. The Hattie formula is  $3 + 3 = 5$ .

The Lonnie Learning Janith read about in the TTT would follow the framework of the Ministry of Virtual Care. Previously, Big Blue and Cravat had attempted an indoctrination system where the incubators had used only one caste-her per birth year category, however, it was not as effected and was scrapped as a result. The new VR Lonnie Learning would address all the indoctrination gaps.

#### *4.2 The End*

Unknown to Janith, her crucial mistake of sharing her thoughts of doubt with her circle of friends have resulted in a crowd-mob telling her she is crazy and to leave the State of Oligarchy. Sadly, she finally understands that all the people really want is more slogans from Big Blue and more buber cake. As Janith leaves the State of Oligarchy and enters the neighbouring State she reads a sign that says: Big Sister knows all and sees all, she is watching you.

"STATE MESSAGE:  $3 + 3 = 5$ "

### **5. Conclusion**

The tragedy of this fictional short story narrative inquiry is the total waste and loss of humanity carried out in the futuristic world illustrated in *Nineteen Forty-Five: 1945*. Illich

forecasted the impending dystopia of schooling, comparing schools to prisons not unlike our workplace offices and factories that have replicated the industrialized schema for rules and human behaviour within these organizations (Illich, 1971). French philosopher and sociologist Foucault, also argued that “Is it surprising that prisons resemble factories, schools, barracks, hospitals, which all resemble prisons?” (Foucault, 1995: 228). The late John Taylor Gatto also noted that schools teach bad habits to our young and that is the real curriculum learned in the schoolhouse (Gatto, 2005, 2009). John Holt reminds us that compulsory schooling, compulsory learning brings with it an intense fear of failure which can fracture us as human beings (Holt: 1964). Given the current trajectory of mainstream schooling a vision of the future as presented in *Nineteen Forty-Five: 1945* could become our reality if the expropriation of children for our economy continues.

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