

The battle for „Eternal life for everybody“ drives the poor people all over the world to the barricades.

2066

The global situation in 2066

Our planet is populated by 12 billion human beings. The political situation has been consolidated since the days of World War III. The governments of China, India, Japan, Arabia, Europe and the USA are arguing about questions already answered by financial groups long ago.

All oil resources have been exhausted, but at least the sun still exists. Human beings are now storing everything they need inside their bodies: knowledge, drugs, money, their financial and health status, and their identities. Their data are as amenable to external access and control as their actual whereabouts are.

Individual knowledge and education have become obsolete; universal knowledge may be implanted on a chip now, but only rich people have it at their disposal. The service sector was abandoned 75 years ago. People are living in virtual worlds that have become a place of refuge, especially since reality doesn't work any more. Of course, there is still boredom, but that's not a new thing: it has always been. As has been proven that everything – even the future – used to be better in the past. At last, egoism, being the particular human feature, gets the appreciation it deserves.

All those facts are as predictable as they are arguable, and so they are of no importance at all for “2066”, because it's

the year mankind will defeat death totally, and those who have the necessary amounts of money at their disposal may expect eternal life. “2066” is just going to show the consequences: The paupers all over the world are mounting the barricades. They are not willing to stand oppression any more. After all, the matter in question is the essential one for them as well now: eternal life!

Tokyo (Japan)

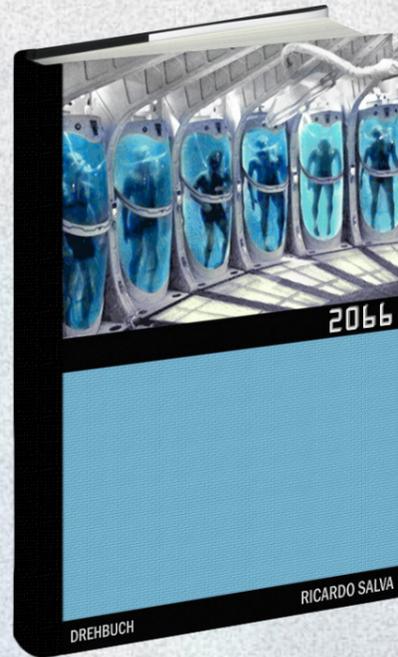
It is crucial progress for the scientific world: In a Japanese laboratory, scientists have succeeded in revitalizing a cat that had been conserved in liquid nitrogen for 60 years.

Beijing (China)

A short time later, the brain of a moribund man is successfully downloaded as well. His digitized identity is archived to a chip and implanted into an avatar. While controlling those data, the scientists make an incredible discovery: The man is a dissident!

Massachusetts (USA)

In an underground stockroom thousands of conserved corpses have been stored in containers made of stainless steel. Deep-frozen in liquid nitrogen and physically intact, they are waiting for their resurrections. Most of them are filthy rich industrialists, politicians, and celebrities, but there are also some thinkers and scientists of outstanding



merit whose resurrections are urgently desired not by their descendants only. In the meantime, already lots of financially strong new customers are speculating on vacant resting places. Since, however, permission for the stock room enlargement is being delayed, physicians, though aware of the risks, start first attempts at revitalization in order to create space for the prospects who are willing to spend their money on one of the life-saving coffins. When those attempts appear to have failed the management begins to consider alternative solutions like a power outage, for example ...

Paris (Europe)

Philosopher Hervé Hallet has no chance to benefit from the scientific achievements: He suffers from a cancer and cannot afford the life-saving conservation. Since he has been neglected by the Nobel Committee once again, and since, on TV, his own imminent death is a general

topic, Hervé decides his own fate ...

TV News

As reported on TV, the paupers have mounted the barricades all over the world; they claim "eternal life for everybody".

While making his preparations, Hervé is watching the TV News, which is frequently interrupted by commercials of the "Eternal Life Insurance Company".

São Paulo (Brazil)

While presidential elections are being held in Brazil, activists from an extremist party abduct one of the candidates. When, soon after, a message arrives saying the candidate has been eliminated, the government faces the beginning of a race against time. There are only twelve hours to manage the life-saving conservation.

Buenos Aires (Argentina)

An epidemic has claimed thousands of victims in the slums of Buenos Aires. President Kirchner VII promises immediate relief efforts. Nevertheless, the hopes of 22 million residents for the warranted medication are vain. People cannot be detained any more ...

Beijing (China)

Armed government officials are penetrating both into the dissident's home and the research laboratory simultaneously; they assassinate the dissident and delete his personal data. Nobody realizes that the avatar has vanished, which, in the meantime, has

called the leading scientists together and is beginning the final blow against the financial system of the country.

São Paulo (Brazil)

A special police task force (Choque) attacks the rebels' headquarter; the politician, however, is untraceable. A peasant discovers the dead man and takes the body to his hut where the policemen spot it merely by chance. But, evidently, they have come too late.

Paris (Europe)

Hervé destroys his magnum opus about Humanism. Subsequently he breaks into the Nobel Prize ceremony and catches the spokesman of the committee by force of arms.

Massachusetts (USA)

The stockroom has been flooded and is strewn with decaying corpses.

Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Mountains of corpses cover the streets of the slums, which seem to be deserted totally. Some dogs are sniffing at the dead bodies. A child is coming out of one of the huts.

Tokyo (Japan)

The revitalized cat is running around in its compound; it is in the best of health. Finally, it comes closer and purrs toward the camera.