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Vorland's citizens have paid special attention to the climate alarm launched by scientists who have committed themselves to transforming the island into a green oasis, using the island's resources without any wastage. Petrol pumps are more numerous here, and getting around on foot, bicycles or skates is the norm. Out at sea, a magnificent series of wind turbines is the pride of the local government, each umbrella has a solar panel on top.

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It's eleven o'clock at night and Mr. Bing is still at school trying to figure out how to write an article for this class he's taking. He needs to write a response to an article that he excerpted from an issue of COLORS magazine, and the topic is about global warming. He sits in the hallway, walks around the campus, wandered in the parking lot, stares into the dark skies, wondering how should he compose his response.

Mr. Bing is a normal person, and everyday when he wakes up, he wakes up to a world where he's more than used to. He turns on the TV for the morning News, President bush is addressing to his fellow American on the situation of Iraq; gas prices are getting higher than ever; scientists are analyzing the unusual climate change; and the always melting glaciers are hardly floating anymore. To Mr. Bing, nothing seems to be more different from yesterday.

He still needs to go to school, and he still needs to work on his assignments.

Everything in Mr. Bing's life is well-designed, his toothbrush is well-sized to fit his mouth, his bed is well designed to be soft, he opens his fridge for a while to pick food for his favorite breakfast, he brushes his teeth slowly while the water tardily warms up, he spends more than 30minutes in the shower before he leaves for school, and often forgets to turn off the lights in the bathroom before he leaves.

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Motel Karlek

An offspring of the love hotels, the Motel Karlek is ideal for couples in search of privacy. The most exciting thing about the rooms are the beds and suspended from the ceiling. To use the technology, couples have to generate movement. In other words, the more electricity circulating through the motel, the more the couples bounce around. When they go to Mr. Bing, their bill is higher or lower depending on how much they have "worked out".

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Mr. Bing enjoys driving a lot, and he always drives alone. He goes to school by driving, he does his grocery and laundry by driving, he's fully adapted to the California driving life. Everytime when a friend from abroad comes to visit, he would tell them "If you can't drive, your handicapped, if you don't own a car, your imprisoned." The college he goes to is always over populated with students' cars, as more and more students show up during the day, the parking lot gets packed, and then everybody drives into the garden and parks on the green.

Mr. Bing never parks on the green, and he's always offended by people doing so. Ironically, Mr. Bing himself drives a Toyota Matrix that exhausts 207grams of co2 into the air per kilometer, but he never considered that as a problem, even if he did, a hybrid car would still be way too expensive for him to afford.

Mr. Bing loves prints. Maybe it's because he has a graphic design background. He never really reads anything on his computer screen, even when it's only a 2 page PDF document, he prints them out, reads them once, and then throw them into the trash can. He also likes to give handouts to people for his presentation, even though nobody really reads them, even though everything could be done by emails. He would still print out everything without even knowing the purpose of these prints. He never really thought about how this is effecting the environment, and of course he knows everything about the extinction of the rainforests and all the global warming issues, but to Mr. Bing, he doesn't really see the connections between printing out sheets of paper and the serious crisis of global warming.

"It's only paper" is how Mr. Bing justifies what he does.

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I DON'T CARE.

every house. It would be good for a couple and the environment because more sex equals more electricity. Honestly, if one day you could harvest electricity from love. You'd only have to look at the lights to see if someone was lonely.”
~ Tymia Loonen, 27, a regular at the Karlek for three yrs.

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Like every other day, this morning Mr. Bing drove to class by himself, unconsciously emitting tons of CO2 into the air, he is supposed to join a class at ten, but today he is late, and did not arrive until 10:30. As he came into the class, he noticed that there is a scientist from JPL cooperating giving a speech to the class. The visitor started to talk about his research devices in outer space, but then all in a sudden, people started to discuss global warming, how it affects our planet and how people are going to solve it. Everyone was so enthusiastic about it, and at that very moment, Mr. Bing realized something about global warming.

Mr. Bing doesn't really see himself as an environmentalist,

but the melting glaciers, the rising sea levels and the overwhelming climate changes, how can one not know about these? In the vast media era we live in today, how can one not get bombarded by this global warming issue? So certainly.

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An intellectual and environmentalist, Jonas walks up and down the sidewalk wearing a sandwich board. On the side panel that feeds the board is a solar panel that feeds the board. Or, an electrosmog-free monitor shows the main local newspaper, local and international news. These are brought to you in real time by the community. If you want to know what's going on in the world, you can. Jonas and read as if the service is free and all are available in 24/5 in Elak, an Alaskan town.

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"Stop printing out useless stuff!"

He's starting to understand that this global warming issue is just something that people talk about, whereas nobody really takes action for it, it's a well published issue, propaganda, a concept without any practical actions.

Mr. Bing felt frustrated; he can no longer justify he's own life anymore. He starts the car engine and pictures how all the Co2 particles are floating in the air, he prints out sketches and feels like he's killing trees, he goes to the restroom five times a day and counts how many paper towels he used and wonder how many acres of forest he wiped out from his hand.

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No one is listening. You can yell, you can scream. No one will listen to you. If it's something they don't want to hear,

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water source that runs through the whole desert. The Saharans and the Vorland are up to date on what's happening in the rest of the world, it's mostly thanks to the internet. It's not about money, it's about an ideal : free information.
~ Jonas Nilsson, 65

ONE CHILD, SIX TREES

Every newborn gets a bracelet when delivered in Vorland's central hospital. The bracelets symbolize the reforestation policy recently adopted by the Vorland government, which requires parents to plant six trees quickly and vigorously for every child born. When the parents are obliged to plant a num of trees to compensate for the quantity of carbon dioxide that person will emit in their lifetime, this policy has become a ritual.

“We all know the consequence, we all know the situation, but nobody is taking action, not even myself, why?”

For Mr. Bing, the true value of a designer is to solve problems, so he decided to start out an investigation; he wanted to know why it is so hard for people to adapt this global warming issue into their life, it should be just as easy as recycling, one of the easiest ways to act on global warming issues.

Mr. Bing is really serious about these changes. He woke up in the morning, brushed his teeth, and he tightened the faucet after every use. He took

his shower in 5 minutes and made sure that all the lights were off before he left. He also sorted through all his garbage and threw them into the recycle bin on his way out. He drives to school with his windows opened and his cooler or heater turned off. After he arrived at school he would try to read articles from the computer screen and used his email more frequently. At the end of day, he felt satisfied by imagining all the energy and all the forests he saved.

“From now on, I'll walk to grocery stores, I'll stop printing out papers, I'll start recycling and I will never forget to turn off the lights.”

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Right after leaving newborns are carried by parents and friends reach a clearing, they stop. The seeds of trees are placed in hand. When the baby involuntary movement to the ground.

Day one went by easily and satisfyingly, Mr. Bing was glad about what he did and wondered how nice it would be if everyone could do the same. The next day he had some problem with the cold water and heater because it was so cold that day, and the weather forecast said it would be cold for the rest of the week. Day three, Mr. Bing had to print out some sketches because his teacher wanted to see some prints. He felt guilty. He probably could have convinced the teacher to see digital files, but he said to himself "Well, just for once, I'll try not to use water tonight to make up the lost."

But that night he had to do his laundry.

Day four went by, day five went by, and on day six, he became grumpy over all the global warming issues. He had a hard time using cold water to wash his face because the weather was so cold. He couldn't print out sketches and see how they looked in detail, and he no longer wanted to taste the air pollution in LA while driving with his windows left opened. Everything seems to be going into the wrong direction.

"I should be happy!
I'm saving the planet!
Why is this making my life so fucking hard?! I've already had enough shit at school! I just want to have some warmth in my life!"

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