

# Introduction

The year was 2084 and human history had reached an evolutionary fork in the road. Labor was no longer required for survival. For over five decades, machines and AI had been able to provide for all the needs of everyone on the planet. But that only led to more conflict, both in the communities and between countries, and so the Global Order of Dominant Sadists, or GODS, worked together to develop the Algorithm to pacify and control the world's population for the sole purpose of serving and entertaining the GODS. The first order of business for the Algorithm was to take control of the tens of thousands of wildly popular social media technologies. They would all be combined into one single platform. Participation was mandatory, hence the name Mandatory Assigned Network, or MAN. Every person was assigned with 100 others to their own MAN. The MAN had many tools for assuring compliance and engagement in all matters. Among the most successful of these tools was the yearly Judicious Annual Bifurcation, or JAB.

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