What If Society Changed?: A Collection of Dystopian Stories

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The actual stories discussed in this presentation are continuing to be developed and expanded. Ultimately, these pieces will be sent to publishers. Therefore, the actual content of the stories is not included. The presentation will instead focus on the thoughts going into the creation of these pieces as well as the power of writing.
What if society changed...

A collection of dystopian stories

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Why write?

“You must stay drunk on writing so reality cannot destroy you.”
- Ray Bradbury

“Possibly, then, writing has to do with darkness, and a desire or perhaps a compulsion to enter it, and with luck, to illuminate it, and to bring something back out to the light.”
- Margaret Atwood
Novel vs. Novella vs. Novelette vs. Linked collection vs. Short story

Novel - a full book

Novella - between a novel and a novelette (40,000)

Novelette - a long short story (17,000)

Short story - generally ~ 1,000 - 7,500 words

Linked collection - a bunch of short stories
Evolution of the Collection

1. Write a novel
   One young adult novel about choosing your biological sex

2. Write two novellas
   Two shorter novellas about choosing your biological sex and a society where you purchase a child

3. Write a collection of short stories
   Too many ideas and scenes springing up in my head. Each only half developed

4. Mix forms
   Narrowing into the best stories and allowing them to take different forms
Pitch(es): Part 1
Pitch(es): Part 2

The Vagrant Culling
Pitch(es): Part 3

Picture Perfect
Industry
Pitch(es): Part 4

A White Man’s World
What’s next?

- Develop the stories further
- Present to an agent
- Send to publishers
- Talk about the stories
Thank you

Questions?

Want to know more about a specific story?
Picture sources

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