

A FROZEN REALITY

Imagine if under your feet there was an underground city where, due to the authority of the most powerful countries the poor, the sick and everybody who can't afford to live affluently are forced to remain, knowing that above them exists a world based on luxury and consumerism.

This is exactly what happened to my city and to all the other metropolis in the world.

My name is Cora, I'm from Tokyo and I'm fourteen, or rather, I've been fourteen for 100 years. In 2018 the doctors diagnosed me an uncommon degenerative disease and suggested freezing my body in the hope that a cure would be found in the future. The only solution discovered was a peculiar Indian plant whose fruits take over 90 years to grow and can kill the dangerous bacteria in my body forever.

I remember everything as if it has just happened.

Cold, very cold. It was the first feeling I felt when I woke up. I was confused, I couldn't move and before I could realise where I was and whether the defrosting process had worked, a woman injected something painful in my arm which must have been my medicine, then a chip which contained everything that had happened during the years in which I was hibernating.

Within a month I became myself again and the doctors answered all my questions, except one... why was I still stuck below my city and how would I be able to return upwards?

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