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*For Saskia*

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This story  
takes place  
in the year  
2070.

But it could  
happen  
sooner than  
you think.

# CHAPTER 01

Save the World by Living For Ever!

You see the chapter title above? It's bold, huh? Makes you want to find out more. Draws you into the story. Right?

I really hope you're nodding right now. Cos my job is to make a story sound good.

Even a wild and scary story like this one.

My name is Anders Jones. I'm not super-smart or anything, so I was kicked out of school at fourteen to help my dad with his TV news show, *And Finally*.

*And Finally* is a big show that goes out twice a week. I help Dad think of all the ideas and help set up the video shoots.

Together, we've made *And Finally* a big success. It's won Best Factual Presentation for the last two years. Probably because it's the only show offering a bit of *good* news. Dad and I try to show that happy stuff *can* happen. That there are reasons to be hopeful.

Enough reasons to fill a five-minute show twice a week in any case.

A lot of major TV channels run *And Finally* at the end of their main news bulletin each Friday and Sunday. It's like the news is a grim meal that tastes bad, and *our* show is a sweet treat you get after. It's meant to leave a happy taste in your mouth.

Last week, we shot a piece about the floodwater around St Paul's Cathedral, which is home to a newt everyone thought was extinct. The week before, we interviewed a woman who's raised the only remaining Scottish wildcats. That was one of my favourites. Those wildcat kittens were so cute!

But this week, my dad says the show needs to be about Pleekas again. This is weird cos we've covered Pleekas five times in the last three months.

"You have to understand, Anders," Dad told me. "I was born in the 2020s. Back then, Artificial Intelligence was everywhere. Code that could think for itself. But the code couldn't *feel* anything until we got the hang of Artificial *Emotional* Intelligence a bit later. And that changed everything."

Dad's right. It *did* change everything. It made Pleekas possible.

But what *are* Pleekas?

Read on. I'll fill you in.