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Instructions:

1. Cut out the cover insert, on page 1, around the outer perimeter. Do not cut along the center.
2. Fold the cover insert in half, with the text on the outside.
3. Insert the cover insert in the CD case cover.

4. Cut out the tray insert, on page 2, around the outer perimeter.
5. The right-most long narrow title “tab”, on the tray insert, is for CD case with a transparent tray. Remove this “tab” if the CD case has an opaque tray.
6. Fold the left and right long narrow title“tabs” to a 90 degree angle, away from the main tray cover portion. If the right-most “tab” is retained for a transparent tray, fold that “tab” 90 degrees again, away from the title “tab” next to it. The text should appear around the exterior of the folded cover, not the interior.
7. Remove the tray from the case.
8. Place the tray insert in the case.
9. Insert the tray, being careful that the title tabs are flat against the case.

10. Please appropriately discard this portion and the scrap bits of paper.

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Published in 1909, this science fiction short story takes place in a future where mankind, seemingly no longer able to survive on earth’s surface, exists in a vast underground civilization known as "The Machine". Each individual lives in an isolated, fully−automated cell−like room, connected to global information and communication systems, but cut off from all direct experience. The narrative focuses on Vashti, an "advanced" mother whose total dependence upon The Machine has led her (like most others) to increasingly reverence and even worship it; and her "untechnological" son, Kuno, who has begun to deny The Machine’s omnipotence and even seeks to escape if possible. Kuno’s radical views are validated as the The Machine’s systems begin to malfunction and eventually fail completely. The story has proved to be far ahead of its time, with remarkably accurate predictions of modern technologies, and paints a chilling picture of over−dependence on them. This recording marks the 100th anniversary of the original publishing. (Summary by Jerome Lawsen)

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