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The Machine Stops

by E. M. Forster (1879-1970)

"The Machine Stops" is a science fiction short story by E. M. Forster. After initial publication in *The Oxford and Cambridge Review* (November 1909), the story was republished in Forster's *The Eternal Moment and Other Stories* in 1928. After being voted one of the best novellas up to 1965, it was included that same year in the populist anthology *Modern Short Stories*. The story describes a world in which most of the human population has lost the ability to live on the surface of the Earth. Each individual now lives in isolation below ground in a standard 'cell', with all bodily and spiritual needs met by the omnipotent, global Machine. *(Wikipedia)*

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