



The Languages of the Internet

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There is a variety of languages which even seasoned linguists fail to comprehend. And these languages exist where everything exists. Yes, you guessed it right: the Internet.

THE CULT LANGUAGE

Konnichi wa. The cult language is THE language of the multitude of fandoms out there. Anime and K-pop fans alike use them excessively on the Internet. While you may find "Winter is coming" nothing special, a hardcore fan of Game of Thrones will absolutely drool over it and the comments section will be full of "faceless men" and "wildlings". This language is cute if you get the meanings or are familiar to the words, but for a person who doesn't indulge in going gaga over a particular band or pop culture in general, it will be total annoyance. You will then definitely feel like a fish out of water if you ever come across this avant-garde language.

THE SHAKESPEAREAN LANGUAGE

The users of this language are out to impress the mass illiterates and make them self-conscious of their scanty stock of words. This tongue-twister of a language, inherited from Shakespeare himself, minus the poetic touch is often seen in posts where people feel like pressing upon their intellectual abilities. The choice of words are archaic. Take your exquisite dictionary with you, my friends, if you want to fully envisage the depths of this language.

THE SLIM LANGUAGE

Fat toners have been run over this particular language. What once were healthy, chubby words are slimmed down to ultra-slim nonsense by shedding off the cholesterol of alphabets. And this skinny figure is what enables people to use this language more often than the rest. The lazy ones use them the most. Lmao, ikr? Tell me smth idk.

THE MEME LANGUAGE

The only language where a brilliant combination of pictures and words say a lot more. This is the most widely used language on the Internet. The youth is absolutely in love with it. Want to make someone laugh? Tag them in a meme. Need to bond with people? Share a meme. Got to diss or retort to something? You know what to do.

THE CODE LANGUAGE

This language consists of actual programming codes. Those who can boast that they are programmers go to great lengths to establish the fact that they know how to programme everything. However, it is a good way for the programmers to bond with each other as they drop these "cypher text" here and there for other geniuses to lengthen the thread. Hydra is just not an organism for them and don't ask me why they call you Jimmy. Reality 101 failure. Stop.

THE CENSORED LANGUAGE

It doesn't exist, sorry.

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Self-help books I wish existed

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Feeling lost in life is a phenomenon so common that there are thousands of blog posts, speeches, podcasts, and books dedicated to helping individuals in need of some guidance. The demand for such knowledge and perspectives becomes evident when one learns that the self-help industry is worth approximately 11 billion dollars in the USA alone. Self-help books are an important part of this industry. However, despite the many books published in this genre so far, there remain some topics we wish had books written on them.

HOW TO NOT HATE SOCIETY

The disillusioned intellectual raging at the world from the confines of his own room is not an uncommon character in fiction and at times in real life. In today's world, however, with incessant broadcasting of news, some of which are designed to evoke strong reactions from severely horrified and shocked people, even members of the general public have become pessimistic about the nature of both ordinary human beings and those in positions of authority. Despite progress in many aspects of our lives and living in a time considered by some to be the safest period in history, constant exposure to information about tragic incidents across the world can make us lose hope. A guide to not giving up when feeling powerless and helpless when hearing about the awful things happening in the world might be a read many people need.

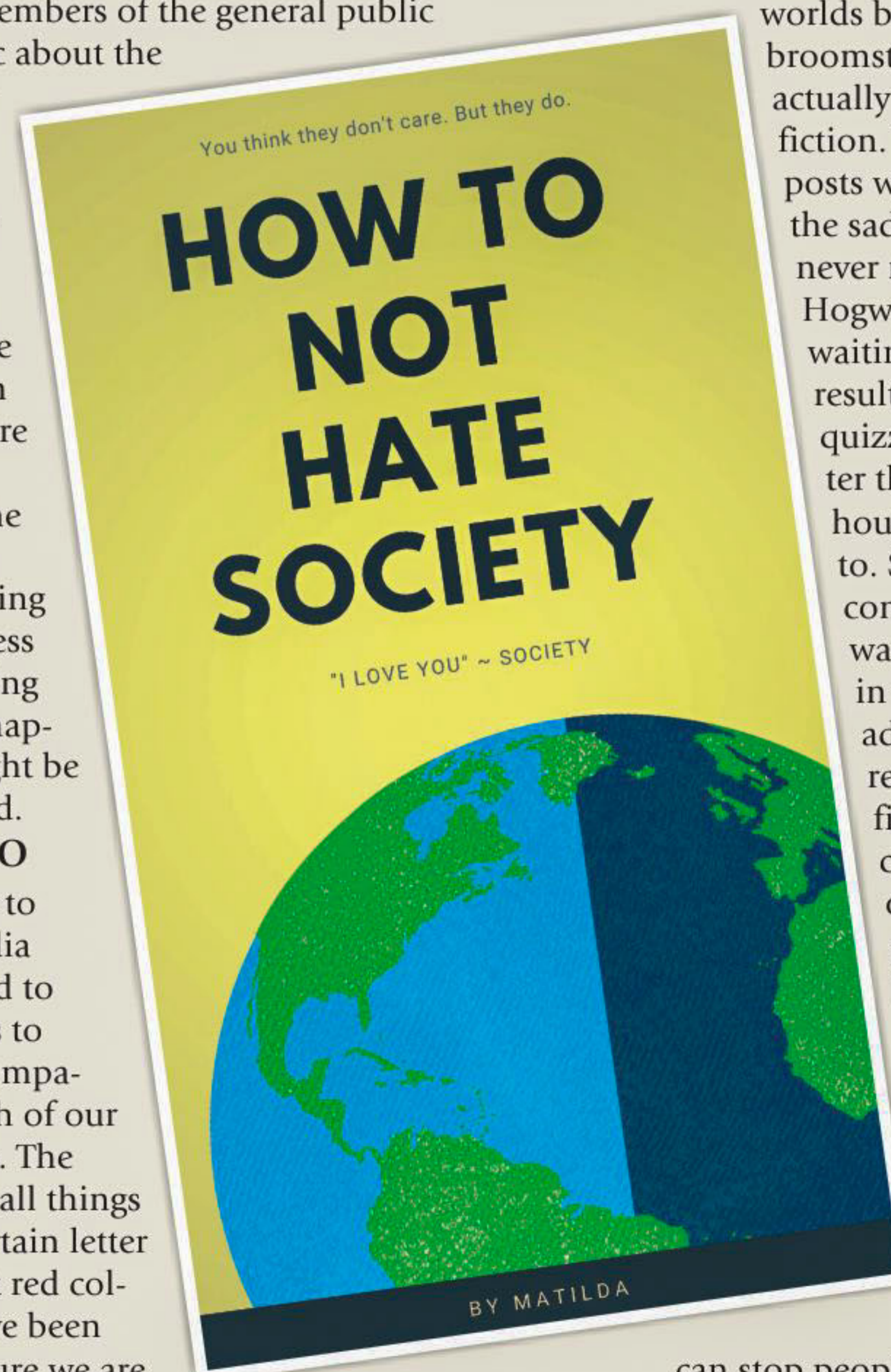
OVERCOMING FOMO

A search on the Internet to find out how social media companies keep us glued to our phones can cause us to become fearful of the companies we've given so much of our personal information to. The knowledge that even small things like the position of a certain letter on a logo and the bright red colour for notifications have been used deliberately to ensure we are intrigued by what's on our screens can be disconcerting. However, it might be more worrying to realise that try as we may to give up on it, for some, social media's pull can be too strong. Many people say that they feel distressed if they

don't have access to social media. Many also confess that they might be addicted to it. To not be a slave to intangible data that doesn't add value to one's life and actually causes one to feel worse can be for some a task that requires extra knowledge.

GETTING OVER FICTION

So many of us wish we could leave our current worlds behind and fly away on a broomstick. But since we can't actually do that, we seek refuge in fiction. We've all seen Facebook posts where a person talks about the sadness they felt when they never received that letter from Hogwarts they were so eagerly waiting for. Some post the results of quizzes they took, quizzes showing which character they are or which team, house or planet they belong to. Some wished to be able to continue experiencing what it was like to be fully immersed in the fictional world they so adored and so they started reading any and all fan fiction they could find, not caring about the grammar or the ridiculousness of the plots. Maybe it spilled over into life outside the screen, and they started comparing people in real life to the fictional characters they would prefer way more than them. However, it is difficult to imagine the existence of a book that can stop people from obsessing over fictional characters.



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