22th May 2024, 5:30 PM?

Maybe I start my story from the beginning. I came to home at about 4 PM. I was quite tired after school, so I decided to take a nap. After I had crossed the doorstep, I went immediately to my bed. I didn't even change school uniform to casual clothes. My mum was still at work, dinner was in the fridge. Sun was slowly going down. The bustle of the city was being heard from outside of the window. Just ordinary afternoon. I set the alarm clock in my phone and I went to sleep.

I woke up right after hearing the alarm sound. Keeping my face to the pillow, I started to look for my phone, which was on the chest of drawers. When I found it, I looked at the screen. Big numbers 17:30 blinked on it. I turned off the annoying alarm sound and I slowly sat on the edge of the bed. I was sitting on it a moment, savoring the silence after alarm's noise. But after a while I realized, that this silence lasted too long. Suddenly I felt strange anxiety, but I couldn't tell why. There was absolute silence in the room, I didn't hear the noise of city or clock's ticking in the corridor. The only thing I was able to hear, was my heart beating. Little confused, I stood up and parted the curtains. I blinked my eyes twice, blinded by the sunlight. When my eyes get used to the light, the first thing I saw was a bird. Ordinary crow, which had just flew near my window. Frozen in flight. In stillness. I wiped my eyes, making sure that I wasn't still sleeping and that's all was only a dream. But I wasn't wrong, it was still frozen in the air and it wasn't going to move. Shocked, I opened the window and then I realized what was the source of that disturbing silence. The whole city was frozen in stillness. People, cars, trains, animals - everything, just like...time had stopped. With shaking hands, I reached for the phone- on the screen it was still 17:30. I started to run through the house, taking all watches from every room. All of them were showing 17:30. Still unable to get used to that situation, I went quickly to the roof of my apartment, to have a better view on the city. However, it was just a better prove that time had stopped. The whole big city was just frozen. I felt shivers on my body and I tried unscramble everything in head. I came back to my home and I turned on the music player. All playlists was lasting together twelve hours. If I had played all of them for the second time, it would have been 24 hours, that meant the whole day. So for now I'll count the passage of hours, maybe days with this method. Since 17:30 could have passed thirty minutes in reality, before I had understood that whole situation and started to think. So it was about 6 PM. I realized that it was about time to take a chance and have fun.

Well, I'm just writing it after having robbed a few shops, annoyed some people which I hate (well they didn't get annoyed, of course they're frozen in time, but I'm just waiting to the normal passage of time) and many other things, that such a good boy like me, shouldn't even think of doing. Oops.

22 May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (but it should be the 23rd May 2024, 6:00 PM)

Time is still stopped. The time of day doesn't even change. For 24 hours sun haven't set. I don't care it now and I'm still having fun. Probably I'm the only one person in the city who's "alive"

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (but it should be: 30 May 2024, 8:20 AM)

Still nothing has changed. It's starting to be very boring. I haven’t met anyone who isn't froze in time too. I'm doing the most infantile things of boredom, just like drawing with spike VERY UGLY THINGS on headmaster's car. He's cool guy and I like him, but I really have nothing to do. If the situation doesn’t change, I'll probably lose my mind.

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (but it should be: 8th June 2024, 5:45 AM

My name is Max Jones.

I'm eighteen years old, I live with my mom in city Akinsmere.

I don't know what's happening.

I don't know why this is happening.

I'll kill myself probably, if the situation doesn’t change.

But I don't want to die yet. Yet. I still have a hope.

So dear God, USA government, Illuminati or whoever who's responsible for this situation, turn things back to normal. It was fun, but you know, I liked the world when it was alive. Am I begging?

I'm pathetic.

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (it should be 27th June 2024, 11:12 PM)

I was slowly losing senses. I hadn’t washed myself for weeks, I couldn't sleep, I was talking to myself. Even I stopped counting days and hours. The only thing thanks to which I'm not totally crazy is listening to the music and writing song lyrics whenever possible. It helped me distract from sick thoughts even for several hours.

It happened two days ago. Two days ago I started slowly coming back to normality.

On my way to the grocery shop, I was listening to loud music. I wasn't paying attention to anything, I just wanted to take some food and go home. Then singing or rather yelling pulled me out from my thoughts. As first, I thought that I'm completely crazy and there's no hope for me anymore. But that voice was real. I turned my head and saw a girl who was singing loudly the refrain of that song. Then she stopped singing and started running towards me crying. Those were the tears of happiness. She hugged me like an old friend and she didn't want to let me go.

And that's how I met Meris, the first person I had spoken to for almost month. I still don't know much about her. She's nineteen years old short girl with long brown hair.

She came to Akinsmere from the other end of country, looking for help.

She has a very similar method of counting hours and days to my method.

She's a big fan of Supernatural.

And she snores like a bear, dear lord, I hanen’t been sleepng for two days, help.

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (it should be 30th June 2024, 1:00 PM)

We have been trying to leave the city for two hours. We must find another "alive" people, staying in the same place is pointless. I should have thought about it much earlier, but I was too scared probably. But before we'll leave I must do just one more thing. I must see my mother. I haven't seen her since this whole situation started. I was too scared. Again.

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (it should be 7th July 2024, 6:00 AM)

We're travelling all over the country. But we still haven’t found anybody "alive".

Before we started our "adventure", I had gone to my mum's work.

When I arrived there, I saw her in her office. She was sitting by her desk, writing some papers. I don't even know what exactly she does in her work. Anyway, I talked to her, I knew she couldn’t hear me, but I didn't care. At the end of my monologue I started crying like a little baby, so I stated ,that I should already go. I left, leaving my remnants of dignity in my mum's office.

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in calendar (it should be 25th October 2024, 9:22 PM)

It's my birthday today, yay.

We stayed at some rich family's house. Meris baked burned rocks with sugar for me. I mean cookies. The rest of the day we spent playing Monopoly and drinking. I lose in Monopoly. And in drinking.

I THINK I AM FALLING IN LOVE, SOMEBODY HELP ME

(...)

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in calendar (it should be 3rd March 2028, 4:10 PM)

I'm 22 years old now. I noticed that my appearance hasn't changed through these four years. I still look like teenager. Maybe when everything'll return to normal state I'll get older.

Today two years have passed since we crossed the border of our country and two years since we met with Meris. And they were telling me, that with my nasty character, no one would ever love me.

Checkmate, losers.

22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (it should be 20th May 2028, 7:30 PM)

Meris has been behaving very strange recently. I think she wants to tell me something important, but when I ask her a question, she ignores me. Yeah, sometimes it's very hard to live with only two.

(...)

It was 22nd May 2024, 5:30 PM in my calendar (but it should be 22nd May 2028, 5:40 PM)

I don't know what happened. Everything happened so quickly.

We went for a walk to the forest with Meris. Finally I wanted to talk with her about her problems. She seemed to have been worried about something for weeks.

But I didn't even started our talk. Suddenly, the blue light appeared in front of us. The light exploded and I probably lost consciousness. The last thing I heard was Meris' scream.

When I woke up, I realized that I was in completely different place. It was night and I was lying on the couch in the strange house. Where am I?

I'm here alone. Meris disappeared with my world. Or maybe I should call it "timeline".

I won't give up. I'll find Meris and I'll come back to my timeline.

The adventure has just begun.