1 JONATHAN HATES ANIME

HIS BODY FELT LETHARGIC. He couldn't tell where he was. When he tried moving his limbs, he felt wood pulp. Mustering enough strength, he repositioned himself to stand.

It was cold. And there was a horrid stench permeating his nostrils. Looking down, he understood that he had been inside a cardboard box.

'Where am I?' Jonathan thought in confusion.

His name is Jonathan Yuan, and he was born in the States. Throughout his twenty-five years on earth, he lived an average, monotonous life. Sports, literature, technology, and spirituality were the things he participated in. Jonathan had never been exceptionally talented at his interests, but his hard work, mixed with faith and a perfectionist mindset, made him above the average individual.

If a high schooler could score eighty out of one hundred or higher on exams without studying, Jonathan could score at least sixty. But if Jonathan were to study, he would earn a perfect score.

Growing up, Jonathan was entranced by the early morning and late-night, animated television shows broadcast in his country. If he wasn't spending time with friends or doing homework, he'd eagerly wait for his favourite shows to air. Even if it was twice a week, he'd recount every episode and the channels that broadcasted them. Above all these shows, one in particular captured Jonathan's interest: Neo.