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# About The Zumiens

## Author

A simple human who sees the whole of humanity as family and is exasperated by the spectacle of the human circus with its jugglers of lies, manipulations, and deceptions, its political acrobats, its illusionists that distort reality, and all the unfunny clowns.

## Story

Set on a foreign planet with strange people who strangely resemble us, *The Zumiens* is a different and unique story. It features a group of work colleagues, a canoe-camping adventure, a visitor from another time, and the much-greater adventure of rebuilding zumianity after the tragic decline of *zumo sapiens*. Written in simple dialogue and benefiting from evocative illustrations, *The Zumiens* is a raw but fresh outlook on our humanity that invites you to fill in the voids with your own thoughts.

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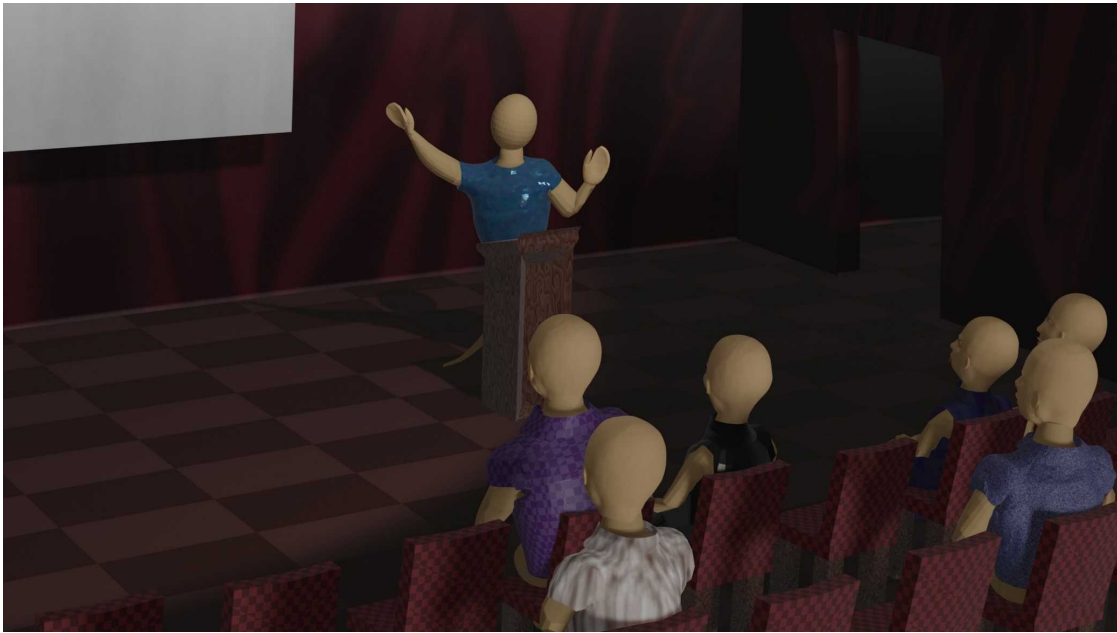
- You think the world is out of whack.
- You want to discover a different perspective.

### ***Do not read if:***

- You are surrounded by fantastic and genuine people, and you think humanity has reached its maturity.

# **Act I: In the City**

## **1. A Presentation**



***Presenter (Ma)***

... In conclusion, the V5030 is now ready for commercialization, and we are convinced it will be a great success with our clients.

I will be happy to answer any questions now.

*Brief silence ...*

***Bo***

Excellent presentation ! Thank you.

I have a question about the new environmental norms: Can you tell me how you measured the V5030 against those norms ?

***Presenter (Ma)***

Thank you, Bo, for this very good question !

As I was explaining in the technical context, the new norms were established with methodologies using technologies that are not well established; there will be many challenges. As you know, we recently acquired these instruments, and we have the best experts in the field. I'm convinced that our measures will resist any challenges.

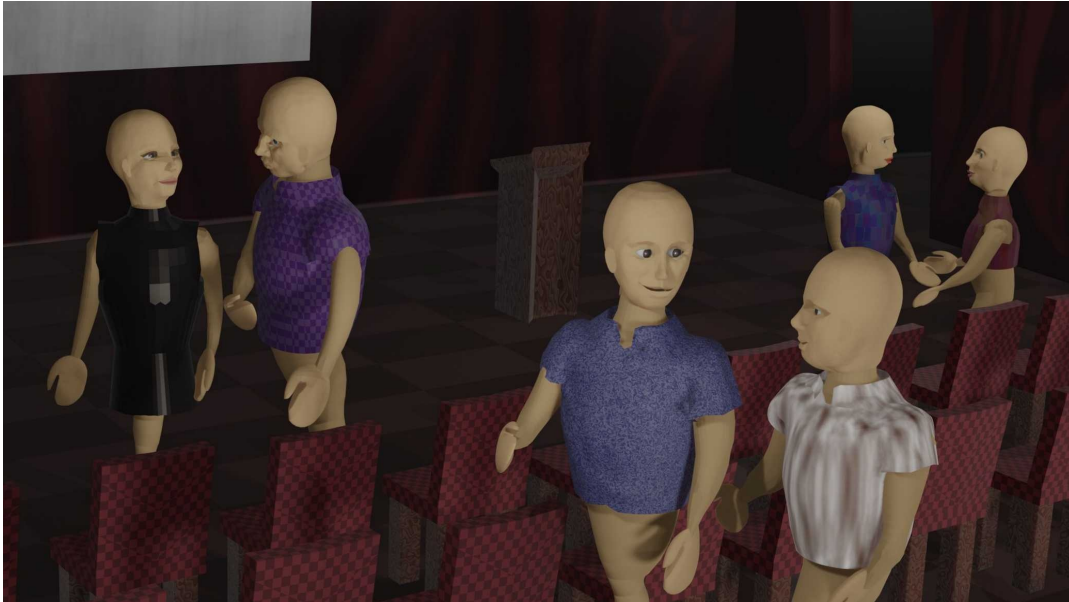
***Ré***

Thank you, Ma, for sharing with us the story of the V5030. I must say that, as president of this company, I'm very proud of our breakthrough with this product. Flo's R&D team worked very hard to develop this technology in such a short time. It wasn't easy ! Decisions were not all consensual. With our strong teamwork, however, the best decisions were taken. We listened to our experts, and it's obvious now that we made the right choices. I want to congratulate the whole team for this great success !

***Presenter (Ma)***

Thank you, Ré.

If there are no further questions, I thank you all for your attention.



***Bo***

That was surely the worst presentation I ever sat through ! I felt so bad for Ma, I forced myself to ask a question. I'm afraid it was a pretty stupid question.

***Ben***

On the contrary, he said that it was a very good question.

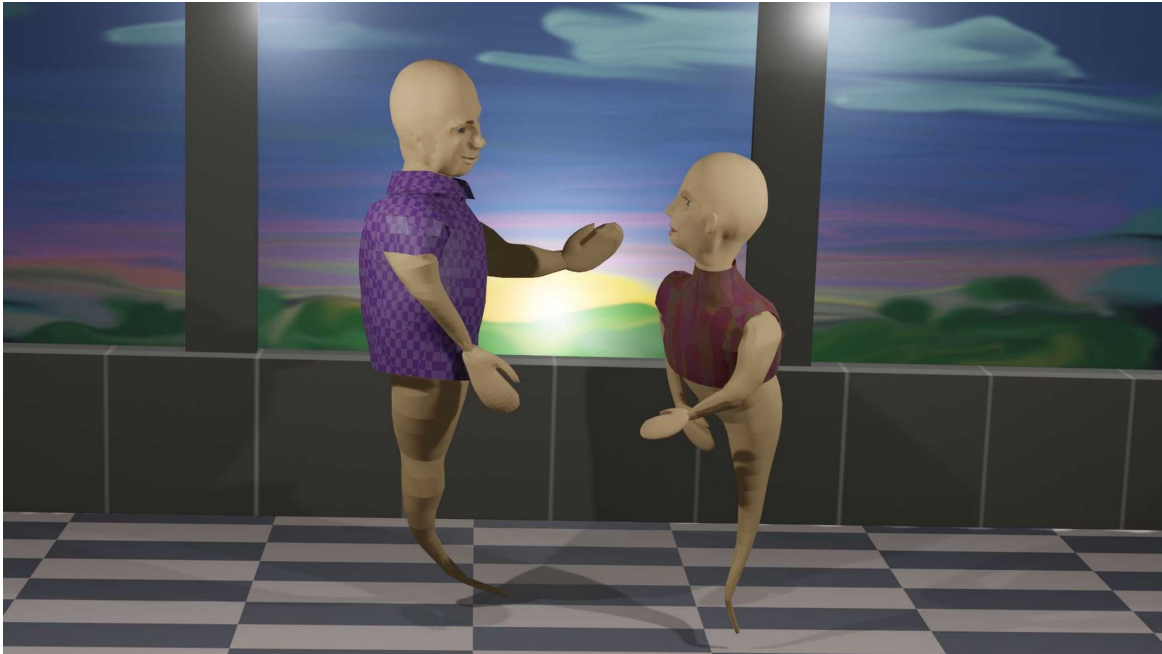
***Bo***

I also said that it was an excellent presentation !

*Laughter ...*



## 2. Flo's Insecurity



*Flo*

Ré, after the presentation, you mentioned that the decisions were not consensual. I know that I often questioned the platform. I wanted us to use alternative approaches for measuring the environmental impacts; I wanted us to do the Z-test. But I don't want people to think I was trying to block the project. I just wanted the technology to be as robust as we claim it is.

*Ré*

My dear Flo, you're our R&D leader. You're the best in the field ! This project is your team's project — your project. We all know it would not have succeeded without you. Your interventions were all very important. But the most important was your leadership ! Your talent at listening to your team, at rallying the team behind the best ideas — this is your biggest strength, Flo ! The organization needs you. We are privileged to have you and your scientific leadership. You do

know how much I count on you for this project ?