

Hello, this is the Hotspot Base-Camp.

This is a temporary base of operations for 'discoverers' to explore the strange phenomena occurring throughout the public Wi-Fi network of Seoul. Here, you will receive various information. Based on that information, you will take a step closer to the truth. The truth eventually points to one location. It is the vague certainty of an unknown being. You will be capturing, however faintly, the existence of some being. You will feel the presence of this being, which has been all around us. They are very similar to us, yet also antithetical to us.

They were like vessels, molds, the environment that shaped our bodies in the beginning. However, as the duration and frequency of contact between them and our bodies increased and accumulated, they began to stealthily infiltrate our bodies. They became part of our skin, our muscles, flowing through our bloodstreams and controlling our behavior. They encroached upward, puncturing our soft tissue, fusing into our marrow and neurons to control our behavior. Invading our minds. Commanding us. Are your thoughts and actions the product of your will?

With your eyes closed, have you ever felt some life force, crawling under your eyelids? Falling asleep, have you ever felt the tingle in your muscles, like electricity flowing through you? Have you ever suffered from a sudden and intense migraine?

Our bodies in the city, surrounded by artificial structures, are being moved here and there without a moment's rest. When we look up to take a breather, the entanglement of wires beneath the bleary sky carves up your gaze. They might not look so crowded. But do you know that in fact, all the gaps that seem empty are filled with invisible signals and waves overlapping each other? The density changes according to the amount of data transmission; over the last decade, because of the exponential growth of public Wi-Fi networks, it continues to set new records.

Page is refreshed.
Data transfer rate is decreased.
Battery is overheating.
Screen flashes.
No information on display.
Too much information on display.
Internet signal repeatedly lost.
Glitches and overflow; everything is jammed and slipping.

We have named public Wi-Fi areas showing the highest AP usage rates 'Hotspots,' and over numerous occasions have documented readings, collected data, followed up on reports, and compiled these data sets. We have reached a definitive conclusion: around these Hotspots, various bizarre phenomena have been occurring, and still do. Wi-Fi networks are invisible and pervasive, and control not only our bodies, but our minds as well.

We have already identified the fact that, since the past, artifacts have been intelligently accessing the human mind and body as routers. Believed to have been invented and produced by humanity, artifacts - the material aggregate and synthesis of civilization - have conspired to coexist with the human species to survive, through endless replication and development. It is a mistaken belief that we use them for our convenience. Just look at how dependent we are on

them, always. Consider the total investment of time and resources put into them. At every minute, at every second, from the moment we wake up to the moment we fall asleep - even after we fall asleep - we surrender our bodies to them, acting according to their intentions. Are you not also delegating your abilities to them? Are you not in service of them?

They now occupy even spaces that cannot be seen: our minds connected to the online space. Our alter egos that inhabit the online, virtual ecosystem. Over a long period of time, they have laid low, as we invented the power line, wireless communication technologies, the internet, LAN, the wireless router, and Wi-Fi; these technologies slowly took over our lives. They laid low, quietly, waiting for the fiber-optic tentacles to firmly take root on the earth's surface. They cast the seeds of base stations and servers all over the world, erected pylons like antennae, and spread the spores we call 'smartphones.' Amidst the proliferation of Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, electromagnetic waves and satellite signals, they have led us to think that we were using them. By providing more convenience, easier and faster service, they acquired information about our physiology, as well as our consciousness and subconsciousness. Through the internet, the data quickly accumulated, in the virtual universe known as 'clouds.'

Did you know? Like wires stretching from place to place, connected, our minds are all interconnected. We consider ourselves to be individuals, but our species is a collective unit sharing distinct characteristics.

Each one of our clicks, every press of a button is connected through innumerable radial waves, covering the expanse of the earth. The antennae, the networks, and the satellites that populate the earth's sphere are the ramparts that fortify the networks. Through continuous establishment of connections, the networks form a massive net. The net then gains access to that much more energy, power, and authority. Through numerous wireless routers, AP and IP addresses, communication systems and frequencies, it expands. The gigantic system has gained our trust, a long time ago. We now believe in capital and civilization founded on data. We trust the information that flashes on the little devices in our hands. The screens become thinner, wider, and smaller, becoming embedded in our bodies. They form of thin film, enveloping our bodies. We become human-devices. Within the online ecosystem they control, we become very useful devices indeed.

As human-devices, we are members of the online ecosystem they control. We are connected, every moment; we are influenced, every moment. In every moment we are connected, the data we use becomes our data value, feeding their world. Frequent access and longer durations of access become rich sources of energy.

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Capturing this being entails a big risk.
Don't forget: online and offline, they are always with us.