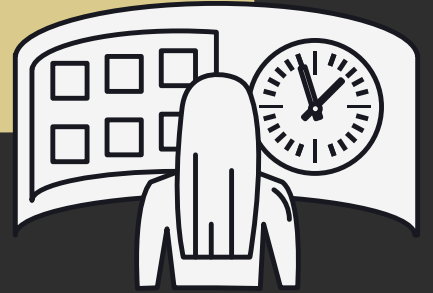


TEN WITH A FLAG

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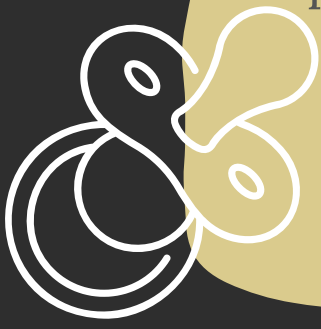
INTRODUCTION:

Johnnie and his pregnant wife are taken to Human Services by Central, which has control over everything.



INITIATING INCIDENT:

Johnnie's baby has a flag, and that means that the child could potentially have a disability or health problem.



RISING ACTION #1:

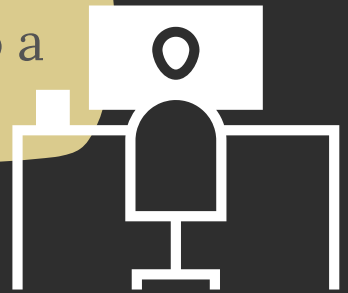
Johnnie's family meets Mr. White from Human Services to talk about the baby.

RISING ACTION #2:

Mr. White tells Johnnie that him and his wife have been raised to the rank of eights, because their baby is a ten in rank.

RISING ACTION #3:

Mr. White informed Johnnie that his boss said his production levels were low, and that his boss recommended that Johnnie be downgraded to a five.



RISING ACTION #4:

Johnnie and his wife take on the status of eights, and along with that, they receive a new house and vehicle.

RISING ACTION #5:

Johnnie and his wife go to a social even, but on the way there, they talk about what they should do with the baby, and they end up going to the doctor instead.



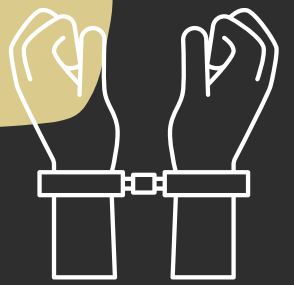
CLIMAX:

Johnnie decides that his wife should terminate the baby because of the flag.



FALLING ACTION:

Johnnie gets arrested after deciding to terminate the baby because this was all a test to see if Johnnie would be a "traitor to the State." (32, Haines). His wife must now find herself another husband.



RESOLUTION:

Johnnies baby baby doesn't actually have a flag, so therefore, Human Services was lying all along.

THEME:

The government is overstepping its boundaries to infringe on the privacy and take control of its citizens.

