

Act One

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1. Prologue: In The Beginning

[We are in the year 2516, and for the first time in centuries, the earth has peace. Warren, the narrator, enters. In military style, the populous go about their lives; stiff and without emotion.]

2. Underscoring: Consider Earth

WARREN: Consider the planet Earth, in the year 2516,
You are now here and shortly you will see
That what you want most may not necessarily be
The great solution of many a prophecy.
For even peace has its failures,
Even peace has its evils.
It's what is in the heart of humanity
That desecrates its peoples.

Come.
You will see.

3. Harmony

WARREN:
In the beginning when the world was young
Conflict reigned under the sun
Emotions high, they were the problems themselves
This world would die before it went to hell
We needed

ALL:
Harmony
Harmony

WARREN:
They wanted

ALL:
Harmony

WARREN:
They needed

ALL:
Harmony

WARREN:
In this place

WARREN:
Wars never ending; the world grew old
Conflict reigned and life was cold
Emotions high – they were the problems themselves
They caused the fire and they never fell
We fought for

ALL:
Harmony
Harmony

WARREN:
They wanted

ALL:
Harmony

WARREN:
They needed

ALL:
Harmony

WARREN:
In this place

WARREN:
So take desire and

ALL:
Take the joy

WARREN:
From every man, woman

ALL:
Girl and boy

WARREN:
To stop the pain, we must

ALL:
Stop the heart

WARREN:
We thought it was for a

ALL:
Brand new start

WARREN:
But is it

ALL:
Harmony
Harmony

WARREN:
We wanted

ALL:
Harmony

WARREN:
We needed

ALL:
Harmony

WARREN:
In this place

4. Underscoring: But Nations...

WARREN: But nations must be ruled and people must be tried,
For even the content are never satisfied.
Segregate the masses, to help us be as one,
And let the four who dictate; tell us what's to be done.

[The Rulers enter. As they do, the Populous form ranks.]

MICKLEY: Excellent. How very excellent.

ZYLA: Mickley, don't you ever grow tired of their stooping?

MICKLEY: Never, Zyla, never! Why? Would you prefer them to be rebellious?

ZYLA: Of course not.

KYPTION: Then why the questions?

ZYLA: There's no reason, it's just ...

LORINDA: It's just nothing. I think you're getting soft in your old age.

MICKLEY: Not that you can talk Lorinda.

LORINDA: I guess the only thing that keeps you young are the girls that you choose to associate with.
KYPTION: Enough! Why bother with this discussion anyway? Don't you remember how it was?
MICKLEY: I do, Kyption.
LORINDA: As do I ...

5. We All Know

LORINDA:
Long ago when we were born
This world had many faults
Crime and hatred, greed and war
And fights without a cause

KYPTION:
We watched and we learned,
And as we began to rule,
We saw emotion made unrest
So we took the right from you

RULERS:
We all know
What is right
What is harmony
We all know
Emotions gone
And now it's harmony

ZYLA:
Perhaps you think that we are cruel
But stop and look around
Emotions cause the world to fight
And lose their common ground

MICKLEY:
We have made all the laws
We control the mental state
We know exactly what love can do
It's the same curse as with hate!

RULERS:
We all know
What is right
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ALL:
We all know
What is right
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KYPTION: It is almost time for the next group to join the populous.
MICKLEY: Yes, Kyption, I agree.
LORINDA: Assemble the New Breed immediately.
ZYLA: I still have concerns.
MICKLEY: What?
LORINDA: Zyla, what concerns?
ZYLA: This New Breed seems more rebellious, more ... uncontrollable.
MICKLEY: Oh for mercy's sake.
KYPTION: For twenty years we have dominated and ruled these people.
Not once have they ever shown anything but submission. What makes you think that it would change now?
ZYLA: Just a feeling...
MICKLEY: Ha! That exactly why we take their irrational behavior from them!
(Laughing) Just a feeling!
LORINDA: Perhaps you should undergo The Changing.

[The rulers laugh.]

ZYLA: Well, it would make a useful change to you.
LORINDA: What are you saying?
MICKLEY: Always on the defensive Lorinda.
KYPTION: Shut up, Mickley. We will watch them, and make sure their Changing is complete. In fact, Zyla, you can keep guard over them. You have the concerns, and you can put them to rest. Let us have the New Breed readied.

[The Rulers leave, and the populous file off]

6. Underscoring: The Suitable Youth

WARREN: Every year, the suitable youth
Enter into the fold
They are unstained, happy and normal,
Not heartless and cold

They are completely unaware
Of the journey they are to take
So, let us meet them, watch them,
And remember for our sake

[The New Breed enter, headed by Jakua and Meiloni, hand in hand.]