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Thomas Macho leads us through a fascinating philosophical discourse on the boundaries of fairness. On one hand it is said that "all humans are equal", but on the other, "life is unfair". Illnesses, disabilities, shortened life spans and causes of death constantly challenge the sociopolitical ideal of equality. What use are comp time, governmental child support and pensions, insurances and building loan agreements if some people die as children while others live to be one hundred years – perhaps even wealthy and full of happiness? The well-known philosopher investigates this and further questions in a world that may be familiar with the term "justice", but faces a different reality. He questions the solidarity of humans, the base of democracy, and embarks on a search for answers and new ...

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