

The 42* word of advice « Collect moments, not things » (from classic author Paolo Coelho) had never been so correct. The CMNT people say those four words are the solution to the great question about the meaning of life.

Since the invention of this first braintech breakthrough, memories could be duplicated, shared and later sold. VR was instantly supplanted, as DTB (direct to brain) appeared quickly on the mainstream market, making fortunes despite the sometimes fatal flaws of the first version of the device.

It all started under the false excuse to smooth the life of highly physically damaged humans to hide a foreseen police usage.

Starting from the free « wild feelings from running on the beach » gift from a medalled athlete to disabled fans, it then quickly became possible to experience even more intimate experiences, sold on alternative markets for unlimited prices.

And read people memories to look for evidences.

DTB was such groundbreaking, life changing technology that it became a landmark. Some calendars were sold, referring to DTB invention as new day 0.

Even economy adapted as money flows tended to flow in the same directions.

To date, the young petite Afrasian Scr34m1ng_Lola is still the quickest humans to become a trillionnaire, at only 18 (official age). Thanks to her ... talents of appreciating life.

And cunning stunt.

Lets no put aside some marketing talent. Selling both partners feelings in pack, synchronized for easy switching of character during the act in the memory was a first.

She became an example to copy and numerous copycats or better say, copykitten popped in the dedidacted markets.

Like with other technologies before, becoming mainstream led to unforeseen abuses.

Some ancient minds, in a long forgotten time wrote about a dog called Pawlove, or something like that, that was given a switch to feed him and another to pleasure him sexually via brain implants. Dog died joyfully underfed with a highly recognizable smile (now a galactically-recognized logo).

Those ancient thinkers said that humans would behave the same if left with those two choices and no workdays. Thats what happened.

Truly, numerous were the reports of people spending life in DTB ER (extended reality), forgetting all recomandations about physical activity and real life. Instead, spending all their credits on memories until the power company cuts down the flow of electricity needed to keep them high, due to unpaid bills. Freeing bodies that are too weak any more for reality, unable to earn a minimal low-key living.

The self-called « Sun tribe » people tried to escape this money limit by using free solar energy.

Until lobbying made that move illegal. Also maintenance was not cheap.

An elderly woman, Sandra, who recently joined their group became their messiah after she died online during a generated orgy, as everybody there felt a rush of pleasure at the very same instant.

Their legend speak of Sandra sharing the sum of the pleasures of her life with her companions in her last minute.

Since DTB availability, its only RW (real world) inflation that kept the braintech gross product (GP) from main markets below the RW GP, to the surprise of analysts. Then it became the norm.

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