

PreAP English I

Revolution Leader Dies

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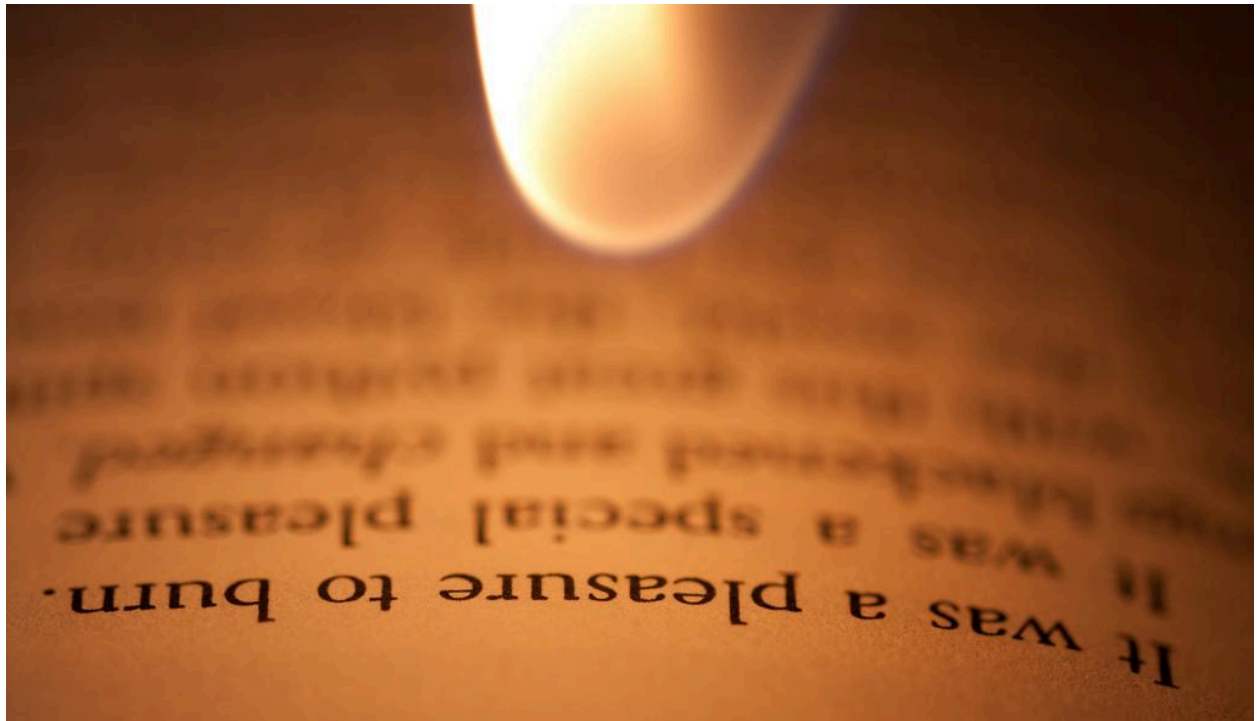


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The Great Man Unveiled

25 years ago, Guy Montag was a fireman. His job was to burn illegal books and ask no questions. One day a year, firefighters were allowed to bring home some of the banned literature and read it to see (or read, rather) the “silliness” and “pointlessness” in the things they were burning. Montag brought home his book. And then another. And then another. And then even some more. He had occasionally taken and hidden (in his AC duct) a book or two from a house which he was sent to torch.

Awakening

Montag met with former English professor Faber to discuss the beautiful and imaginative things which he had read within the very things he was sworn to destroy. He then realized after discussion with Faber that society was being misled- books should be celebrated over and enjoyed, not looked down upon and put to the torch. Soon, Montag is on the run with the Mechanical Hound on his tail, heads towards a group of outcasts on the other side of the river to join them and help them on reshaping society.

Not long after Montag meets up with the group and its leader Granger, his hometown is bombed and flattened by the now ongoing war. Montag grieves little, since he had nothing to lose in the attack, and the band of rebels head back to the city to help the populations awaken.

Reconstructing

The group started to rebuild the downed city, finding survivors among the ruins along the way. They began to teach them how the government was wrong (it took a while as most of the survivors thought they were nutjobs) and books should be relished and poured over, and not outlawed. Soon after, they have a civilization living and thriving on books that were found in the wreckage; citizen are becoming authors and poets and... truly *living*.

Years pass and the "outcasts" are now numerous and they are accepted for who they are; they enjoy the thrill of reading and share it with the others around them.

Last Thursday however, was a day for mourning as Guy Montag died. An autopsy tells that he died of natural causes not by any nefarious means.

Montag passes on, but the revolution lives.

Rest in peace...