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Abstract

For years, popular media has pushed a narrative that science and technology are bad, scary, or dangerous; from films to books to television shows, we have all been inundated with the message that we need to be intimidated by these things. However, it is not these developments that we ought to be afraid of; it is more important to focus on the people who use them, how they are using (or not using) them, and how it affects the people who actually *need* them. My short story, *Fifty Sights to See Before You Die*, explores these ideas through a lens that has become familiar to all of us over this year so far – a pandemic, how it affects the lives of the people experiencing it, and what might happen when a new treatment is administered (or withheld).

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