

English Dialogue: Paul and Theophile

Aurore from Sleeping Beauty and Captain America

[For this dialogue, I chose two characters: Aurore (the protagonist in Sleeping Beauty) and Captain America (the comics). Both remained asleep until today. But everyone has to wake up one day or another... They are on the Empire State Building (in New York)]

- Aurore Oh, how long have I been sleeping? (*Looks at the sky*)
What is this sky? It's dark but it's not even night. (*Looks around her*) And where am I? It's not my castle. (*Multiple horns sound*) And that noise? My ears!!!
- Captain America Who the hell is bothering me? (*He is seeing Aurore*). Oh I apologise miss. Please excuse me, I was sleeping.
- Aurore I was also sleeping... but who are you? You look crazy. What are you wearing? What is this outfit with blue and white stripes? Are you a jester?
- Captain America Are you joking?! I am Captain America, I am the icon of America in the fight against Nazism, in particular Hydra, its largest criminal organisation.
- Aurore What Hydra, Nazism: What is it? (*Multiple horns sound*)
Oh my ears!!! What is this noise?!
- Captain America Do you really think you're gonna make me believe you don't know what Nazism is or those car noises the 20th century?
- Aurore Aren't we not in the 14th century?
- Captain America Ha-ha very funny! (*Looks around*). This city reminds me of something... Hum... Oh; no... but... Yes! New York! But everything has changed: the air is unbreathable even at this height, there are huge buildings (*Multiple horns sound*). And this noise!!! I've never seen so many cars in

my life, I didn't even know that so many were made. They have nothing in common with the cars I've known and, you're right, the sky and even the air are dark and what is written on all these advertising panels: (*Reads*) Happy New Year 2021. How come 2021, it's 1944? (*He realises*). What 2021; is it a joke? How it is possible?!

Aurore

It's impossible. Over time humanity has always made progress. Humans have always tried to communicate as well as possible with nature. But I don't even see a tree anymore. There are none as far as the eye can see. Have they all been cut? And the animals that lived there, in the forest where are they? No I can't believe it! I refuse to believe it!

Captain America

I had never thought of this future. From here we can already observe differences in wealth and therefore in standard of living, whether by looking at the buildings or just at the inhabitants. In addition, we can see from here some isolated population. The socio-spatial inequalities have never been so strong and urban sprawl is also a big problem. It's a dystopia!!!

Aurore

Maybe we woke up for this, your mission will be to save the world and mine to write a tale about it, we could call it: "The Awakening of Sleeping America".