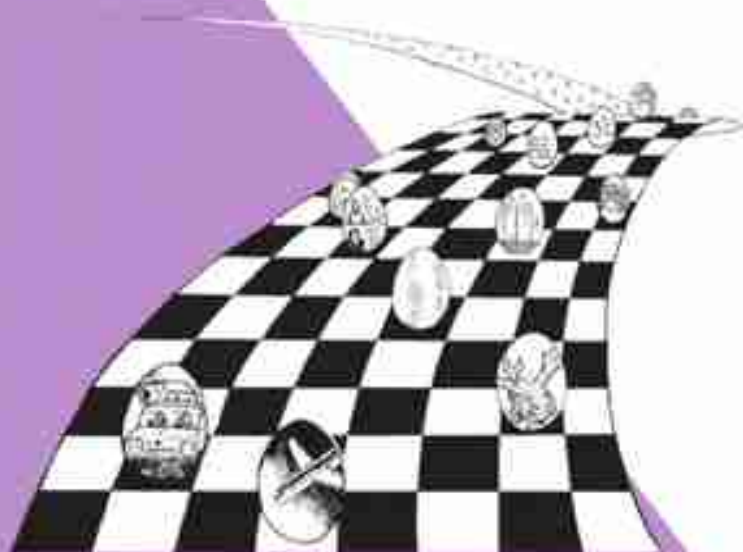


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Catch the eye



**Hello, how can we help you?
In the future the centre takes
care of everything: weather,
health, news, traffic and robbers.**

**Iota at the centre receives information
about all persons and events,
and can help when there is a crisis.**

**But not everyone likes the centre.
Some people in the society think that
it controls far too much.
They try to avoid the system, but soon
catch the eye of the centre.**



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Weather

“Iota”, Hector says on the phone. “We need your help. We have a situation at the airport. A plane has to turn back after an accident. Right now it is flying in circles above the airport. The pilot tries to dump fuel by burning as much as possible before landing. Four hundred passengers are in danger.”

“Four hundred and seven exactly”, I say.
“The cabin crew consists of eleven persons. The plane’s nose is crushed. They can land in twenty-two minutes and fifty-six seconds.”
“The pilot says that the aircraft ran into an enormous flock of birds”, Hector explains.
“Yes, that is right”, I confirm. “I shall inform the flight captain about the damage and send up a few military aircrafts. They can film the nose and help the pilot to land safely.”

I speak with the pilot. She is very calm.
“We will manage”, she says. “Thanks for your support.” Then I check the weather. One hundred and thirty kilometres north there is a thunder storm and the system is blocked by alarms and emergency signals.

The heat two hundred and forty kilometres south affects the local computers. They can be used only for ten minutes at a time.

The weather in our region is unstable.

A storm is on its way towards our city.

It will arrive in two hours and three minutes.

The aircraft will land before the storm.

Now my colleagues Delta and Theta send me current information. I work on the facts and decide if we need to react to any crises.

“Here is information about a ship, which is leaking oil in the Atlantic Ocean”, says Delta.

“There is a storm coming and the oil spill can spread over a vast area. Do we react?”

“Iota, I have signals from a minor earthquake in Indonesia”, Theta informs. “It does not affect us, but it is the third one in two days.

We must be prepared if something happens.”

“The situation is under control”, I reply.

“We do not need to act on anything now.

Continue to follow the situations.

Zeta, can you take care of the passengers in the aircraft, which is landing soon? They need information and psychological support.”

“I have already done that”, Zeta says.

"I explained to them over the loudspeaker on the plane what has happened, and why the plane has to return. They received information about what we do and advice about how they can take care of themselves."

"I have booked them on other flights", Delta says. "Some can fly immediately. Others have to sleep over at the airport hotel. I have booked transport, room and dinner."

"I will speak to each one separately, when they have landed", Zeta says. "I have the list of passengers and cabin crew and I will call them. Nobody is stressed or worried."

"You are a great psychologist", I say.

"People calm down hearing your voice."

"I know", Zeta replies. "People also tell me their innermost secrets."

"You sound like someone they can trust", I note. "The plane is landing on runway 2A."