



Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

The Dilemma

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Bill's father: Listen to me now. Me, my colleagues and classmates have agreed now is the time to help people like you. If you do what's necessary, you can be the Chief Physician in Prague starting in January.

Bill: So you probably suggest joining the Party.

Bill's father: Come on, nobody wants you to be a Communist. All you have to do is join them. Look, the Party is lacking doctors at the moment. They fired some of the best ones after the August Invasion. A lot of them emigrated. We need some stars. But this gracious time will only last for two or three months. You are a star. If you don't do that, some clumsy idiot who's all fingers and thumbs will.

Bill: But I don't want to join them. That'd be worse than joining them with conviction.

Bill's father: It's your choice, then.
Eva, let's go.
Hey.
Take care, or whatever.