

Half a Century of Renovating

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Abstract. This story is set in a future 80 years from today. The protagonist, an elderly man who would have been a pensioner nowadays, is restoring an old building. While performing this pragmatic work he remembers the evolution of different kinds of technology from when he was a kid to when he grew up. In the course of painting his study, he thinks about research topics which are actively under investigation today such as wireless sensor networks, context and activity recognition, smart grid and smart energy, organic and printed electronics and wireless communication. Over the course of the story it is uncovered that technologies from the long gone age of wireless sensor networks still played an important role in this man's past; enabling the bundling of the visions behind aforementioned research into a single self-contained domain working unsupervised in the background, hidden from the human eye.

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