

## **What happens when the ghost of your past takes over you or A 1986 Onida TV**

1. You become a 1986 Onida TV where the grey is more pronounced than the black and white and every time it rains the feed fizzles out
2. There is only one network that plays at night, continuously, relentlessly and it's a comedy special that the ghost arranged specially for you
3. You want this show to be over but the brain is the one transmission tower that never runs out of juice and a part of you longs to read "Connection timed out" with no option of "Try again?" left to press
4. That unseen message seems to hang over your head for a longer period of time every time there is a repeat broadcast
5. Sometimes, the network holds a special and broadcasts it during daylight. Only you can't escape it, you are the television set after all.
6. The 1986 Onida is a really old model and you feel it's been far too long the model has existed, time to pull the plug.
7. Your friend heard that another TV set had played their own comedy special for far too long until it grated itself out of the screen like the ghost in Ring. She looks at you with tears in her eyes and asks you to play yours to her at times, she's here to listen to it, they all are.
8. But nobody else can watch it, can they?
9. Sometimes the screen turns blue and only the audio filters through. A one-syllable word that somehow paints a more vivid picture: Die
10. It echoes in through your dreams, punctures the ironclad wheels of your thought-train and dribbles out of your drool marring it with red.
11. There's a litany of that word in your TV Screen, it reverberates around the TV set, frizzles out the speakers and spills out the seam of your lips and gets lost in the cacophony of electricity crackling. Only you can't discern whether the crackles comes from the rain outside or the one inside and you frizzle out again.
12. The screen is all black yet the comedy special echoes around. You decide it is too much and set a date to throw the TV out.
13. You got the TV for your birthday. It was a gift from your parents.
14. When you do throw it out, the ghost of your past is left without a husk and lingers to find another TV set.
15. Connection timed out.



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