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The New Neighbors

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A short story based on “The most important benefit of population size and growth is the increase it brings to the stock of useful knowledge. Minds matter economically as much as, or more than, hands or mouths.”

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There was once a young man named Sub-maximus who lived in a place called Body Land. Everyone in this land would seek Sub-maximus to gain even more happiness, and keep a balance so the neither a producer nor consumer would get more happiness than the other. All of the townspeople would get together to discuss various prices that Sub-maximus thought would receive the most happiness. Never in the history of Body Land did anything go wrong. Everything was handled by workers using their hands or bosses using their mouths to make the most out of their time. Until one day, a complete chaotic imbalance occurred.

Everyone in Body Land loved to travel to their neighbors of Mind Land to take a break from the hand and mouth labor and to unwind and feel at ease around a bunch of smart and soothing minds. In this vacation spot, the people that lived there always worked with their minds. It fascinated the people from Body Land because Mind Land would always have new more efficient ways of living. No one in Body Land ever really wanted the innovations of Mind Land because they were content with what they had, besides Sub-maximus always increased their happiness somehow. This may have brought a serene feeling of contentment among the townspeople but Sub-maximus found himself

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at unrest with thoughts that these frequent vacation trips would cause an eventual disorder within Body Land. Sub-maximus knew somewhere deep inside of him that he had a certain unspoken self-fulfillment in which he had to improve Body Land and increase to complete satisfaction of all of Body Lands dwellers.

A small family from Mind Land kept on meeting nice tourists from Body Land and wondered what it would be like to live there. After much deliberation of the costs and benefits of moving to a new land, the family eventually decided that it would be best to move to Body Land. The family heard about Body Land's slight inefficiencies so they brought some of their products with them when they moved. A few months after they got settled in, their neighbors started to notice the better products of the families and thought that they could do so much more with them. All the neighbors became jealous and complained to Sub-maximus about how they wanted the new efficiencies that the neighbors brought. Sub-maximus didn't know what to do because Body Land ran strictly on hands and mouth, neither of which could create such efficiencies. Sub-maximus searched all over the land for an idea to improve societies surplus and ultimately to improve Body Land.

Finally, one day Sub-maximus fell into a deep sleep and dreamt of a land that combined the hands, mouths and minds from Body Land and Mind Land. When Sub-maximus woke up, he knew what he was destined to do. Sub-maximus immediately contacted the leader of Mind Land, Mr. Innovation and told him of his dream and its great production possibilities. Mr. Innovation greatly agreed to create a new improved

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world with Sub-maximus. Sub-maximus and Mr. Innovation transported everyone and everything to a new world which was named Productive Efficiency World.

After the improvements to both lands from the merging into one world Sub-maximus completed his unspoken destiny and became a whole new being called Maximus in which he completely fulfilled his duties of maximizing everyone's satisfaction in Productive Efficiency World. The wants of better efficiencies was saved by Maximus and his dream. Mind Land also vastly improved its labor of production. Therefore, Mind Land and Utility Land lived happily ever after together in Productive Efficiency World, using the strength of people's hands, mouths and minds to create the Worlds greatest products.

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