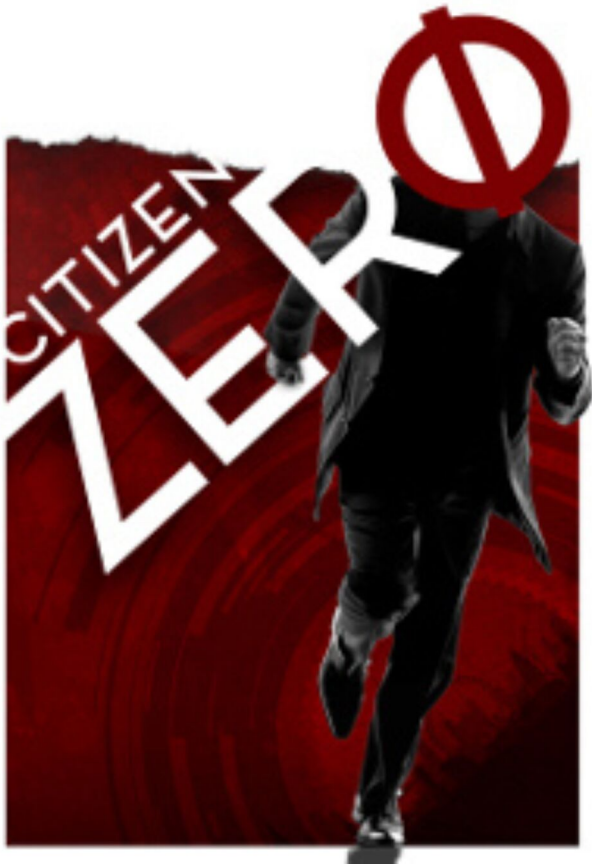


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Sometimes even a pawn can hold the balance of power.

In a bitterly divided nation where security trumps civil liberty, unemployed David is on the verge of sinking into the 'Zeroes' – a destitute underclass numbering millions. But then JobNet's advanced virtual reality world offers him a gateway to a worthwhile future, and a chance to rejoin society.

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When the virus activates, chaos ensues and the Zeroes rise. David is left trapped inside a corrupted reality. If it doesn't shatter his sanity, the secret he finds there will change everything...

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