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I woke up early this morning. It was cold and should be October now.
I didn't know how long I slept cause time was meaningless. You may consider me weird, and the fact is, I am. I was diagnosed with Kleine-Levin syndrome, and I lived with my AI, V. I hadn't been out for a while,
and I considered today as of

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There was only me and V in the room,
and I was used to it,
so I told her to fetch me some food.
"Same as usual?" She asked me,
but she left without an answer, as she always knew.

I was alone now, so I flipped my diary and came up with an idea
I had never thought of before, a trip.
Living about a hundred years made me judge slower but more open-minded.
It was the time for me to end my life, though not an ideal ending.

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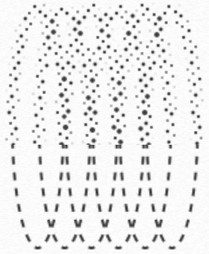

Thinking of this,
I climbed out of my dormant cabin.
It was almost out of battery, maybe last a few days longer,
"And you're old too? old friend."
I sighed and turned it off.

V was back with orange-flavored cookies, my favorite one.
When I first came, oranges were considered fruit for the rich,
and people had never seen them here.

"Are you thinking?" V asked because I didn't take over the cookies.
"You kept thinking these days, is it because I did something wrong?"

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"No,"

I raised my head,
"I was memorizing the past.
Do you remember the first time you bought
biscuits for me? There were only chocolate
flavors and original flavors."

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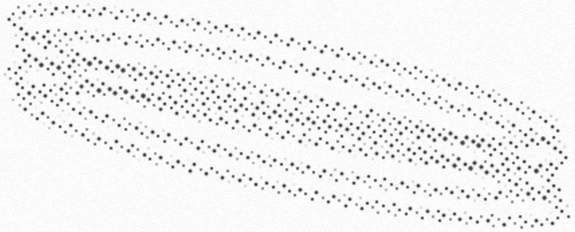

"No,"

I raised my head,
"I was memorizing the past.
Do you remember the first time you bought
biscuits for me? There were only chocolate
flavors and original flavors."

"That was decades ago, Master." V replied mechanized,
"Due to the development of technologies and the promotion
of immigration plans, the supply here was gradually sufficient."

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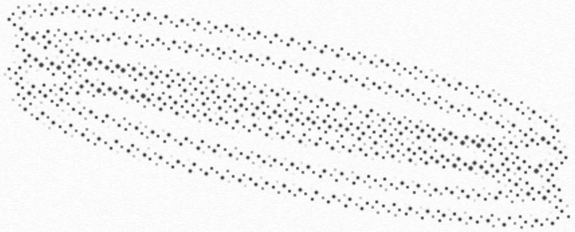

"Yes, but I think I never told you that I like this flavor because it was my favorite color." I took a bite, the taste of additives, and I frowned.

"And I never told you I bought you this flavor because I checked your file. If you don't like it, plz don't get angry."

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"I won't because I know." After all, she was the droid my mom sent me.

"Really?" V asked.

I smiled and continued my story of orange, "It was a warm color. My mom used to tell me the story of Icarus. A young god who flew to the sun yet was burned by the dazzling light and buried under the sea."

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"Really?" V asked.

I smiled and continued my story of orange, "It was a warm color. My mom used to tell me the story of Icarus. A young god who flew to the sun yet was burned by the dazzling light and buried under the sea."

"But people can't fly, and gods don't exist," V replied,
"Yeah, I know, I just thought it funny. Why do people chasing the sun?"
Thinking of this, I laughed.

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"I don't know." V replied after a short silence.

"Do you know the answer? Master?"

Again, the use of word master.
V would use this word when she was questioning or arguing. I couldn't tell when but I didn't like that word. It was a short story: I abandoned my name, so I asked her to call me whatever she wanted, but instead of calling my real name or naming me, she called me master. It created an invisible gap between us, though we share the company's same creator.

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"No, I don't know either,
because I am also chasing the sun."

"Why?"

"I have no idea."

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"No, I don't know either,
because I am also chasing the sun."

"Why?"

"I have no idea."

Then there was the silence.

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"No, I don't know either,
because I am also chasing the sun."

"Will you continue to sleep today?"
V asked, as part of the daily routine.
So I watched her walk towards the
sleeping compartment and press the
start button.

Nothing happened, so she pressed it again.

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"I removed the battery."
"Why?"
"Because I don't want to sleep anymore."
"Then, do you want to go for a walk?"
"Don't you ask me why I don't want to sleep?"
"Because it is not necessary."

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"I want to go out. Is there any place you want to go?"
"That novel, The Wood Whisperer, I want to find it."
"You know I haven't read it."
"Yeah, but I've read it, and Master could follow me."
"Then let's go."
I lied to V. I had read that novel. Personally given to me by my father the last time I saw him. It was the day we reconciled by the invisible bond called love, or earlier.

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We went out and came to the ruin. It used to be a city where robots and humans coexist peacefully, like a paradise; before that was an ordinary town. The people inside are not hospitable, but they did exist cause I had spent decades on this planet thinking about the meaning of my existence.

And we stopped at the edge of the city, it was already dark, but neither of us needed to sleep. The light on the side of the road had broken down, but V plugged in power, the cold light enveloped the two of us, but I felt warm.

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I talked to V about my family, everyone in that house represents wealth and power, and I was different because I was a clone. My dad was never fond of the idea of clones, but he loved my mom. Since they could not have a child, they signed a contract with the clone company. I was born knowing myself differently from others. Food is not necessary for me instead of providing energy. I was programmed in that company as its property, and I knew my parents were not my creators. I aged slower than others, and I checked annually with my body status. Though I considered myself a human with a high-functioned brain, others considered me a cyborg/clone. And my dad refused me from calling him dad because we were different.

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As the majority believed, endowed clones with human rights disrespect human society, which was me. The capability of a massive functioning brain broke the rules made by humans, and it challenged human beings' position and proved that humans were no longer higher creatures but a kind of vassal used to create clones. I asked V why creators feared their creations, and then I shook my head because I didn't know the answer.

V was a good listener. She said nothing.

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So I kept talking about my mom, as I remembered the last day she read me a fairy tale, which was Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. She asked me if I knew why the crow was like a writing desk, and I said I didn't know. She told me it was because Mad Hatter loved Alice. When I asked her if she loved me as much as he did, she left.

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That day, I realized that I was abandoned because I was diagnosed with Kleine-Levin syndrome, which was not curable. After being discharged from the hospital, my parents argued over medicines costs and the space project, which is "the space immigration." Isn't that ridiculous? A clone got an untreatable disease and was abandoned because of that.

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I saw my mother crying before she left, even though she pretended not, her eyes were red, and her voice was shaking. She said it was time to go to bed and left. The book was left on the table, so I turned on the light and read it myself. Alice left the wonderland, and they never met. It was not a fairy tale.

And I felt like nobody. Everyone treated me as a substitute as if I never existed. I didn't tell V that I hacked into a confidential file about me cause it's unnecessary.

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V told me that I was never a substitute for anyone; I was myself and her master. "Is that real?" I sighed, "It was getting late, and should continue the road tomorrow." I closed my eyes, and I knew V was not sleeping. "She was not the person you thought she was."

She whispered, and I could hear.

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When I opened my eyes, it was still dark. I saw V sending messages to a signal, but I said nothing because that would only worsen things.

I once scanned the clone company that produced me, and it was located on another planet, so that I couldn't keep track of it. My father received a warning from them the other day, and I remember him answering that call angrily. He warned me to stop doing this, and they sent me away on Christmas Eve. Time had smoothed my edges and brought ominous news with it.

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"I don't know you are awake."

V's voice recalled suddenly, "Having nightmares again?"

"I don't dream; they are just fragments of memories."

"In terms of the physiological structure, you are no different from humans."

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"I don't dream; they are just fragments of memories."

"Theoretically. But my body has been transformed, being experimented on by the company since the day I was born. I was tested with new materials and transplanted with multiple chips into my brain. They want to control me, study me, and copy me.

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"I don't know you are anymore."

"I'm some monster now, living amongst gods."

"Long enough for me to forget who I am."

"I don't know the one that dwells at nowhere."

"In home of the exploitment creation, you are no
different than humans."

"Nowadays, the so-called humans, some
considered as the same when the so-called gods,
I was tested with the animals and humanoids with
exhibits other like us here. They said to control us,
that's all more."

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"Long enough for me to forget who I am."

"But you escaped, didn't you? This planet was untrackable, so you came here."

"This is not the same," I felt my emotion gushing out of my core. I didn't escape, and I betrayed the person who protected me, "I am here because," I didn't know how to explain, my parents saved me with lies of love, and I resented them for this. I still remember the letters my mom wrote to me. And I never read them until she passed away.

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"You are here because the family abandoned you."

V said calmly.

I was not too fond of this electronic sound without a trace of emotion.

"No!" I roared. Time didn't calm me. "My family sent me away because the company would bring me back."

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"Then why are they quarreling that night?"

Ah, I wouldn't say I like this sound,
and it feels like a butcher asking the lamb to be
slaughtered by shaking the bloody skin to the ground.

"Because she knows I can hear. My anger is part
of the plan so that I won't look for them."

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"Do you believe this?"

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"I got her letters... Who are you? Where is V?"

I realized what's going on. After I left the family, I never met my mom, and everything I learned from the past was from V's memory.

"You know who I am."

"You can't be here."

"I can be anywhere cause I created this world."
"I created you."

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"My parents created me, not you."

"They left you here for nearly a hundred years."

"And you abandoned me the moment I was born. What was the difference between me and the rotten droids in this city?"

"Control your temper."

"DO NOT TELL ME WHAT TO DO! Now, return V to me."

My voice was trembling. I didn't have faith in this. Every nerve inside me was clamoring to surrender.

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But I won't because I was no one's property.

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"What's going on, Master?" It was the voice of V, my V.
"Promise me, do not talk to that person anymore."
I clasped V's shoulder tightly, but she could feel nothing.
"There is only you, master. Do I need to talk to someone else?"
V's tone was puzzled.
"No, you don't. It was my fault. Can I check your circuit board?"

"Okay."

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V was a gift from my mom, a living robot made from the same company. My mother sent letters to me through V unanimously. Because this planet was safe, and everything here was blocked, from both inside and outside.

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"Will I scrapped?"

"No, you won't. I believe the inspection is almost over."I dazed longer than I did, and I was aging. However, there was no definition of age in my dictionary.

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V and I were the products of the same period, but the complex structure of his circuit was far beyond my imagination. There were many I hadn't seen before, probably the latest ones. Who was spying on me? Would it be that person? But I lost my value. Why would the company invade V's body through the circuit board?

Invasion?
A planet out of operation for decades was unable to support outside directions! V's code was overwritten because it belongs to the company. And I never escaped because I was trapped in the world of my creator.

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"I think the wiring is aging, not a big deal. Let's continue searching the wood whisperer."

I lied to V again. I think I'm becoming proficient in it, and this was not a good start.

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"Master, you told me about your mom yesterday, but I think she was a better person."

"Well, she was a good person, and she treated me very well."

"But she abandoned you. I don't understand."

"She didn't abandon me, and I abandoned her. The story wasn't finished, it was a protracted one, and I think we could talk while walking."

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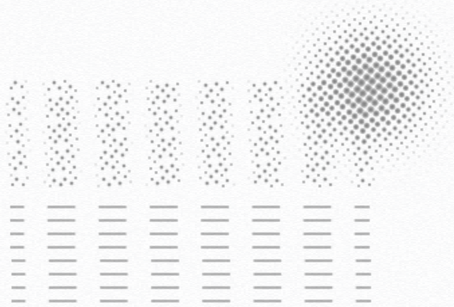

"I knew she wrote to me, but I never read."

"Later, my mom passed away, and I was the last person who knew. The obituary was everywhere. I should be relieved, but I only feel sadness."

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"My parents threw me on this lonely and hypocritical planet without saying a word, and they constructed my life with lies. But I can't resent them because of my core. Or myself. I always thought of myself as Alice, but that rabbit hole didn't exist. Never realized I was in the hole until she passed away."

"I read the letter she wrote. She said that she visited me when I was asleep, and I shouldn't be angry with you for letting her in."

"Did you?"

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"I was, but I was angry with me."

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"Why?"

"Because I didn't wake up when she came."

"What would happen if you were awake?"

“Maybe nothing will change."

"How do you know?"

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“Because I do."

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"She told me that she met a girl, the one who wanted to write a novel, and shown me the 'space immigration' plan." I thought she was destroyed."

"She was the one written the Wood Whisperer, and it was the best."

"How many books have you read?"
"Only this one."
"Okay."
"Master, you were making fun of me."
"I didn't. Mom also said it was a good novel, but unfortunately, she couldn't read the end."
"Why?"
"Because she left."

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It was a silent day. The wood whisperer was forgotten at the end. It was not an ideal ending, but it was a reasonable one. But V told me she wanted to rewrite the finale, and she said no one should be forgotten.

And I believed in her because I knew who it was.

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We walked along an ancient path that extended to the West's cemetery. We used to carry the soulless corpses among this road in this path, like our destiny. The team gradually grew more prominent in memories and then vanished. V once asked me about the position, and I responded because the sun lowered there. But I believed it was not built but grown; it could be easy if we defined it. It was just a name, like clones and droids; there was no soul contained.

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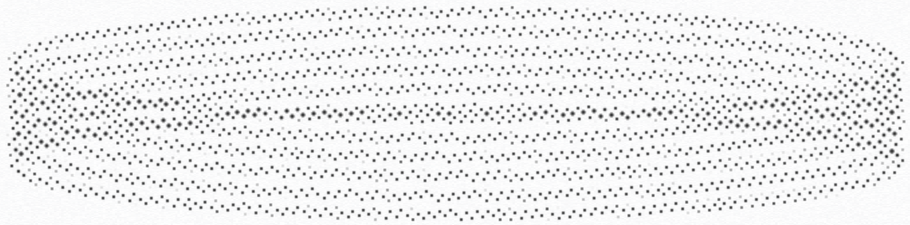

The locals here were robots. They were told that they were human beings sent in a fertilized stage and were performed in an experiment on space migration. They were glad that they could promote scientific progress. Everyone here was machines living with codes. They would not see the outrageous, and they never asked where others came from. They thought I was crazy because I was different, and this planet was filled with lunatics, and I became one of them.

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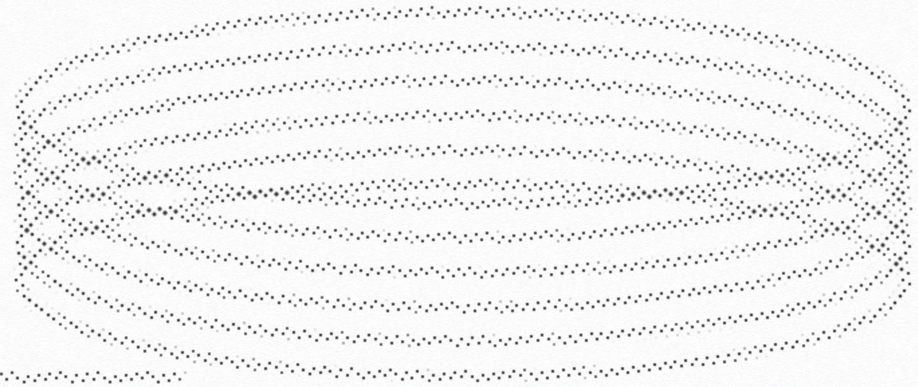

After its creation by the company, it was isolated. The robots here simulated all sorts of life. They would grow up with their dreams and rusted here at the end of their life. Their bodies would be transported to a vast furnace, where the locals called the cemetery.

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It was a bottomless black pit, with red iron bridges crossing it, aligned with surrounding buildings and incinerators, blazing with red fires all year round. No one knows who lived there and manipulated these giant and clumsy machines. We only transported the body after their death, and no one has ever questioned this tradition.

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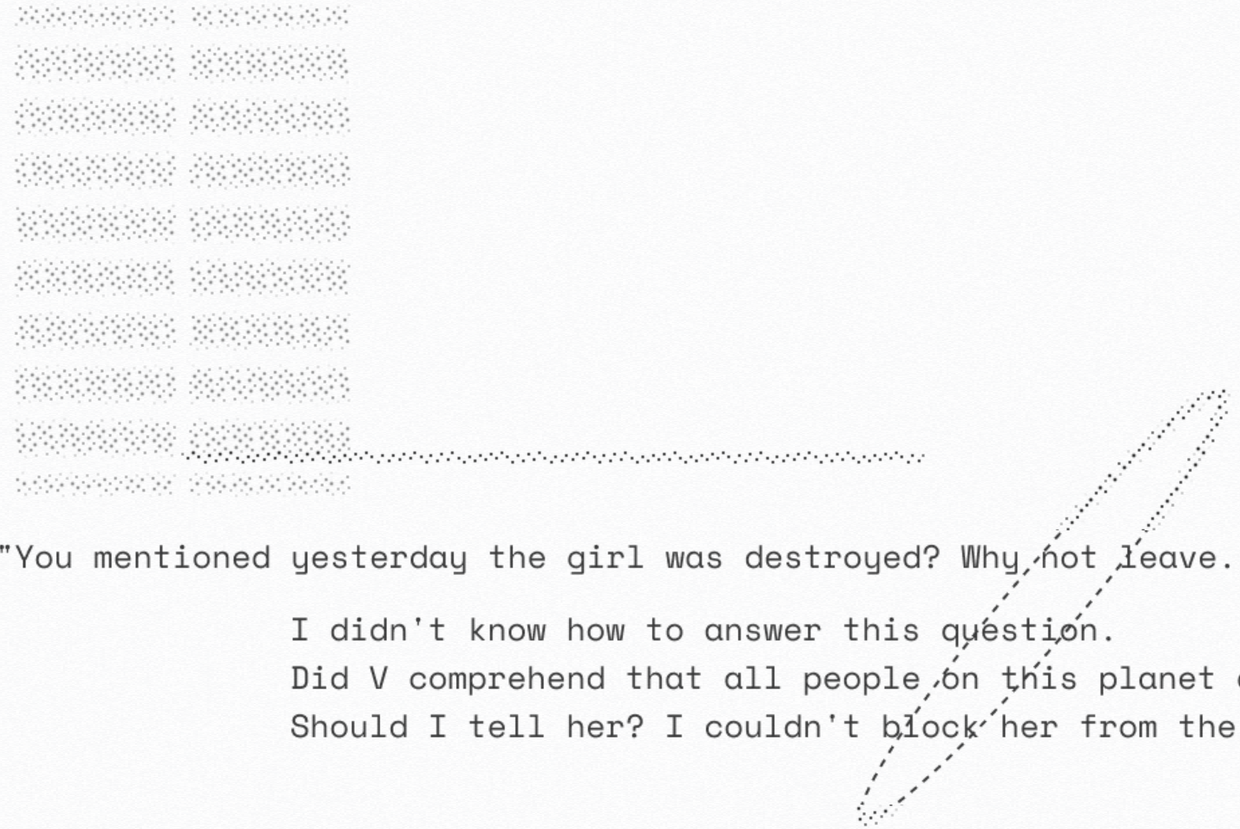

"You mentioned yesterday the girl was destroyed? Why not leave."

I didn't know how to answer this question.
Did V comprehend that all people on this planet are robots?
Should I tell her? I couldn't block her from the truth forever.

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Slowly we walked out of the town, the sun stretched our shadows, and there were forests beyond us. It was built to cover the furnace, and I didn't know how deep it went. I have never been there for a long time.

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"Do you know why the space policy was made?"
"You mean immigration to outer space?"
"Yes, if we already exist on various planets, why do we need to relocate?"

"Because the resources were exhausted?"
"But what if humans were capable of space travel already?"
"You mean, they exist because they have immigrated, but this is not possible. If man-kind had mastered this technique, why invented this project?"

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"Bingo. The immigration plan claimed that the human brain could not withstand space travel. Who were they experimenting with? "

"You mean droids?"

"Yes. They are the first robots tested on this man-made planet, and everyone here was trapped in this lie, including you and me."

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"My family never came here with me. They were just images projected from my mind, and me coming here became an essential part of the development."

"Because my brain can withstand the shock of the travel by inserting chips, but am I still the same person?"

"I don't know."

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"The same rule applies to droids. Their body could be recycled or modified after death. But their memory was what makes them unique. No one could leave this planet, and they were the property of the company. She may leave this planet for decades, but she will be sent back one day."

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"Then who were the ones this plan supported to immigrate. Us, or humans?"

"I didn't believe in any of this."
"I would find my answer at the melting pot. Where the wood whisperer lived."

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"Who told you that?"

Wood Whisperer lived in a cabin at the edge of the forest; that was how I inspired the girl to write about.

"I talked with it! And I want to be one!"

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"It can't be. Maybe he is not happy, or maybe he is lonely?"

Someone was dissembling a wood whisperer. Will it be the company? What was in that cemetery? Who was lying?

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"But he is free!"

"And you are not?"

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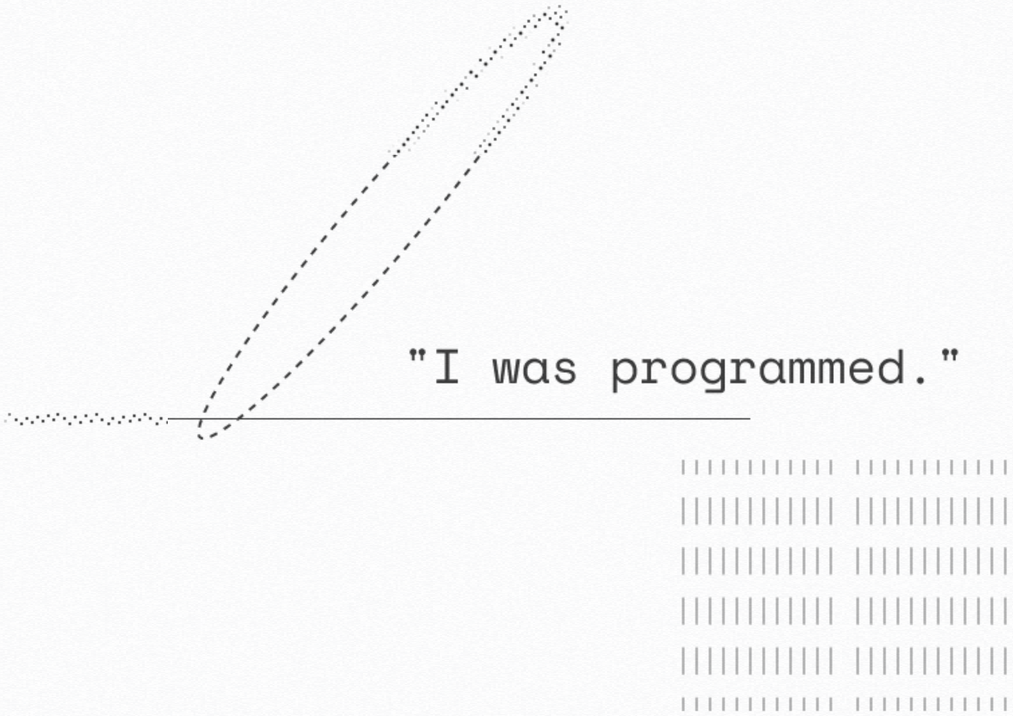

"I was programmed."

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We finally came to the cemetery. It was different from my impression, surrounded by walls and breathing white smoke. I was surprised that it wasn't shut down after years. A door was lifted slowly from bottom to top, and sand rolled up from the ground. I considered it as an invitation.

"Let's go." I said to V. The door slowly closed behind us, and it was time for the journey to end.

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When the immigration law was first approved, scientists came to this planet to head to the graveyard. Usually in a hurry, and never been seen again. One could occasionally meet a few talking about the experiment, on whether it succeeded or not. They were attracted by it, and I found the answer now. That was the experiment I hacked from the company, my project.

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We were standing at a laboratory. There were all sizes of me inside jars, from embryos to adults. They were still breathing as someone tapped the container from the inside. But no one was free; they were false products.

"It's charming, isn't it?"

An electronic voice showed up; I had heard it before.

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"Don't try to find me. I'm here."

It was a huge face hanging from the roof, but I was not scared.

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"I blocked her vision."

"Who are you?"

“Why are you doing this?”

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"You can't keep hiding from me.
You know who I am."

The face the was moving
ane I couldn't move.

You are the same as your father,
weak."

"He was not!"

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"He hates you."

"He hates clones."

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"And you are not?" "I am myself."

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"Yes, you are the Sleeping Beauty. A unique one. Have you never thought about why you got this disease?"

"Your father refused to use you as an experiment, so I planted this bug for you. Beautiful isn't it."

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"I am your creator."

"And you are my favorite."

"Your parents dislike me, so I brought you home."
"You see, this is where you were born, and I built it for you."

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"I am afraid of your loneliness, so I created companions, which stand more of you."
"But none of them can compare to you. They are just machines."

"Only you are perfect."

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"I think I should leave."

"Looks like your little friend has something to say."

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"Master, I'm sorry to interrupt, but this is the wood whisperer. It told me that there was a way to heaven. As long as we walk into these containers, we will be liberated, and we can meet our old friends again."

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"They are robots, and there was no reincarnation. They will be programmed to play different roles after their death."

"Yet too reluctant to tell her the truth?"

"I can't."

"You are the wood whisperer."

~~I can't tell her I was the wood whisperer, and this one was the creator of both of us-a creator behind everything.~~

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"Liar."

"V, don't. I was protecting you."

"No, you're not."

"You are not my master, and you are nobody."

"You deserved to be forgotten."

"And I will never forgive you."

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V ran out of the room, but I didn't follow.

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"Why?" "Because you are mine."

"I am not yours." "I am your family."

"You don't love me." "I do."

"Then let me go." "I can't. I was connected to this building, this city, and this planet."
"I created this world."
"I am the world."

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[redacted] "There has to be some way."

[redacted] "I could shut the facility down."

[redacted] "I could free everyone."

"I could free myself."

"I got the choice."

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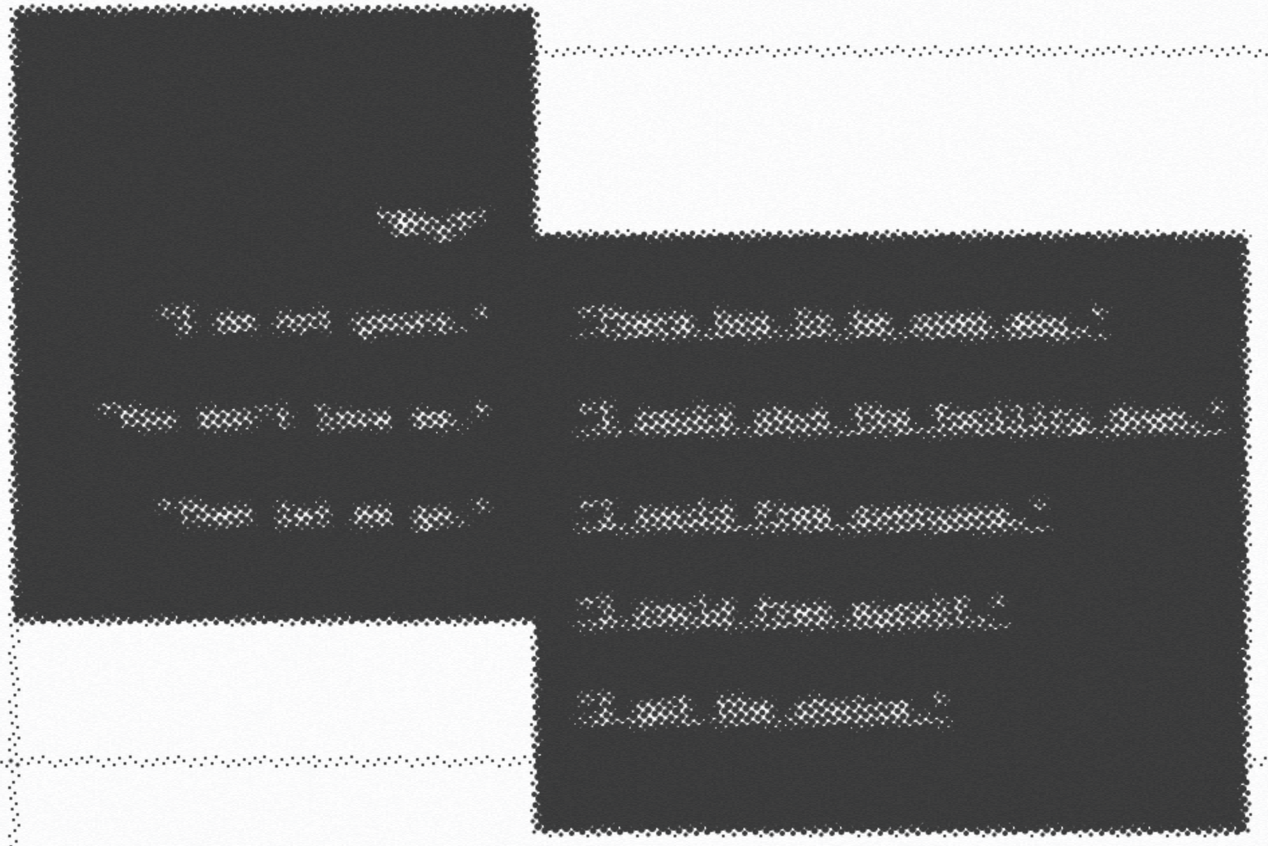

"Then what are you waiting for?"

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I saw it laughing, and the face was twisted. I turned off the switch which I noticed from the beginning. I heard the sound disappear. It was over.

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"There was never a choice, and the path was already built."

"We will meet again soon, my child."

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It was laughing, it said, someone had to stay, it was always the rule.

"What happened to my parents?"

I had a bad feeling. But it stopped functioning with smiles on its face.

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I found V outside on the bridge above the cemetery. It was the hole we used to pile bodies, an endless hole. And all of a sudden, the ground started shaking. V stopped me from reaching closer, but I had to; it was the only way out.

And I saw bodies climbing out of that hole; they were machines beyond control.

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It was the rule: one has to stay. There were faces I knew, and I saw hers, the girl who wrote the book. We had to run, so I grabbed V's arm and started running. Faster, I told myself, faster. I was losing my strength from the body.

I was frozen; one of us was caught.

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"I got you!" I was holding V's arm, and more droids were climbing up.

I couldn't hold it any longer,
so I closed my eyes,

"Sorry, I can't."
I repeated it in my mind, but I couldn't let her go.

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It was centuries long when I heard V say,
"Master, I am sorry."

I opened my eyes, and I was holding nothing.

The door opened.

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There was sand everywhere, and it was hard to tell the direction without V. But I will get used to it. It was my fault.

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This city of the machine should not exit; my dad would not allow this to happen. Did he know? Did anyone out there know? I had to tell them, to all of them. I had to leave this place, and I could not rest.

My mind was messed up, I heard people saying sorry to me, but I did not deserve them.

I was hiding from the truth. I had run away from it a thousand times, cause I was afraid.

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I knew V hated me; I couldn't give her what she wanted, freedom, companionship, even the ambition of life. I knew she was the one who brought me here, but she was tricked too; there was no paradise cause we were different.

Our destiny was fixed, there was no free will; only codes, countless codes, formed you, me, and the city. And I could not save any of them.

I was meant to fail in this trip, as I lost myself in this world.

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The sun was burning my skin, so I found myself c shelter. There was wastewater leaking from the roof, in the color of rust, one drop and two, whipping a heavy rhythm, and I felt relieved. After all, I was no different from them in this graveyard of machines, and I belong here.

I had to link back. The code never changed - it was a trap, but the only way.

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A non-emotional mechanical sound was brought up untimely, and it stated that the authorization was successful and the transmitting would begin immediately.

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The loading page was rotating and stopped abruptly, and the color of the loading bar changed from green to red.

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My ears started to scream, and I felt my consciousness stripped from my mind.
"It's time to sleep. You will remember nothing when you woke up."

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So I did what I was instructed.
There was liquid slipping out of my eyes.
I had a dream.

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I saw V standing at the gate of hell,
pointing me with an iron rod,
and announced mine guilts.

The vision changed;
droids buried her body,
disassembled it into pieces,
and reflected my face,
a dying person's face.

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These fragments were spinning around me and transformed into the appearance of people around me. My family and the people in the town, old and young, those I have seen, and those I haven't. They were accusing me, spoken of sins, guilts, and traitors. So I blocked my ears and ran for an escape, but there was no end. I was stuck, like a lost child; the abyss was beneath me. It was like a fairy tale, countless hands stretched out from the bottom of it, but they did not hold me up; they watched me fall.

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I met V again.
She said I shouldn't be here.
It was just a dream, she told me.
I asked her what was real,
and she replied, "not here."

"Don't you hate me?" I asked.
"No," she spoke.
I laughed; it was real.
Then I saw V took out the iron rod behind her
and stab at me.

Blood poured out from my body and filled the space.

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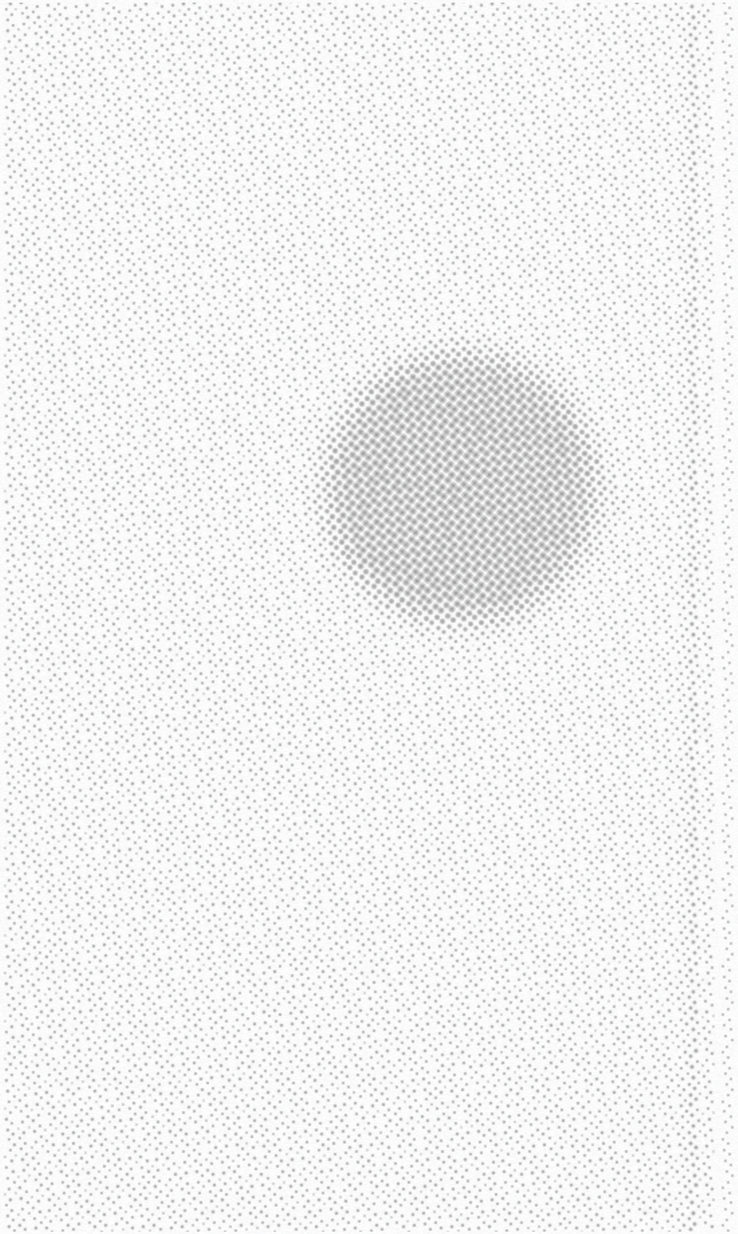

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I took a nap,but I couldn't erase that
picture from my head.
I saw her crying and shouting and cursing.
It was my fault.
I packed up.

There's nothing left,

only me.

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Everyone left me.

I stepped foot on the desert,
and I could sense the end.

The end of the journey.
And the end of all.

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The sun was hanging above my head.
My legs were shaking.
I could barely breathe.
Sand would take away my footsteps.
And the wind would take me away.
I don't know how long I will walk.
But I couldn't do this anymore.

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"Master, keep going." It was V, and I felt nothing. They were blurry — all of them.

Where am I?

Who am I?

I was alone.

Again.

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Cause I left them, all of them.
Cause I left them, all of them.
Cause I left them, all of them.
Cause I left them, all of them.
Cause I left them, all of them.
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Cause I left them, all of them.

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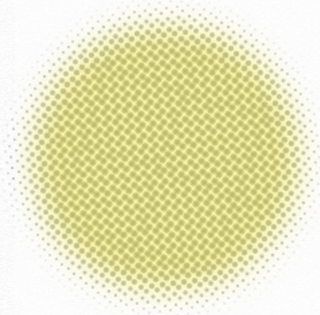

"Master, you can't sleep now!"

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Who was that?

"Master!"

"Master, you can't sleep now!"

They were illusions.

I must be tired.

"Master!"

Get out of my head!

"Master!"

I closed my eyes.

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I was free.

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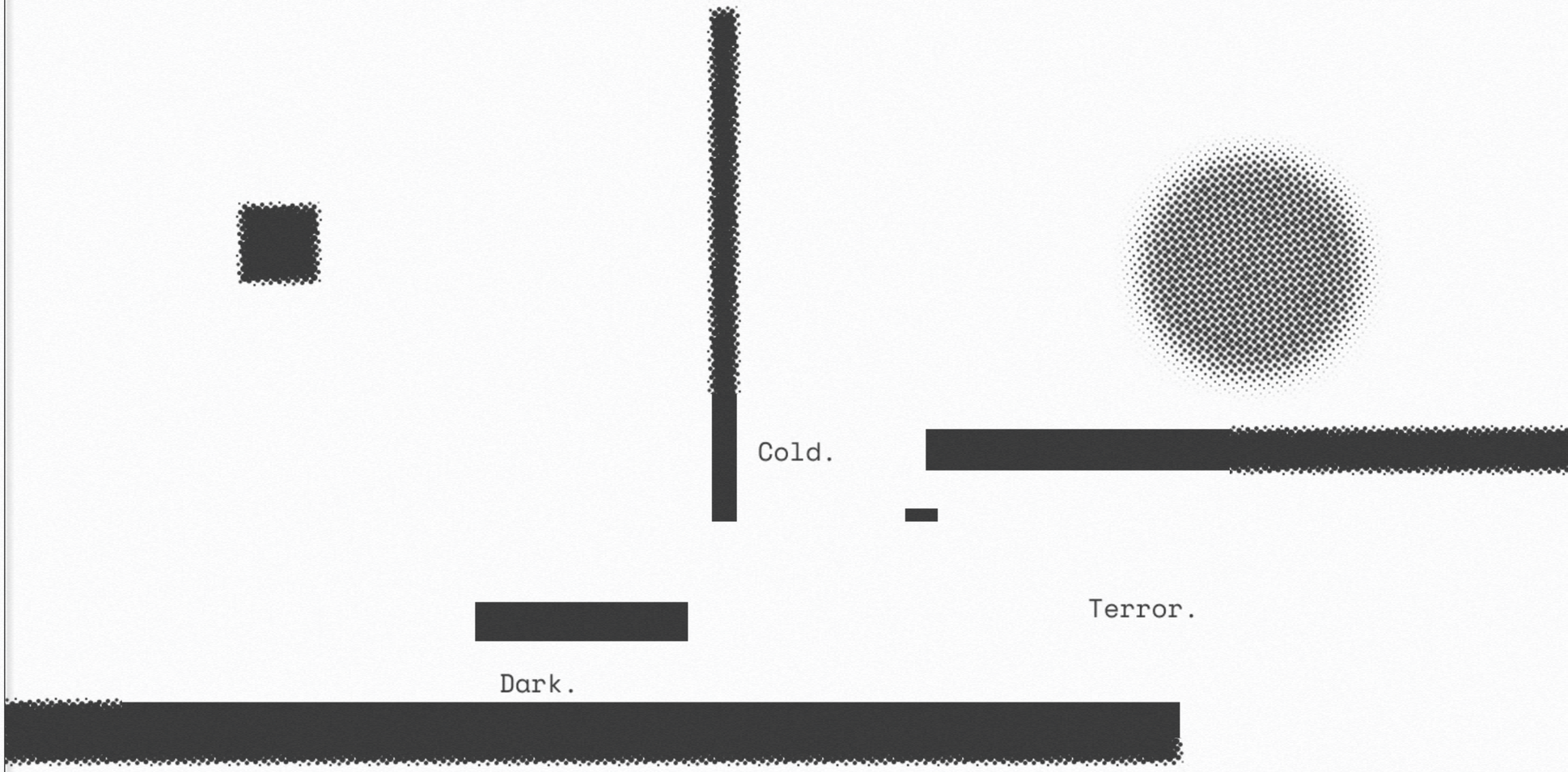

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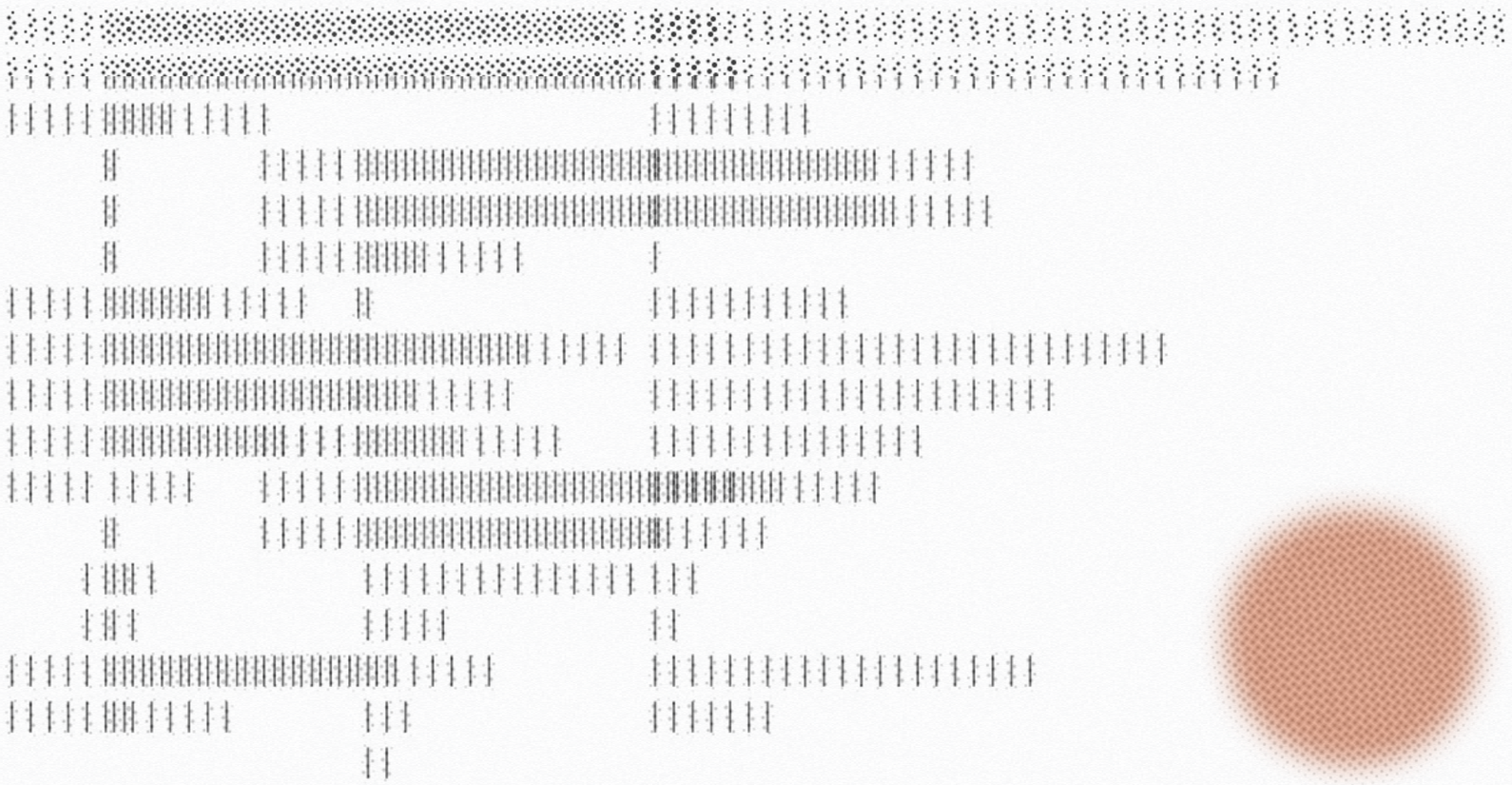

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Someone was holding me.
Her hands were freezing.
Maybe she was crying.
Who was she?
V was dead.
I abandoned her.
And a droid won't cry, won't they?
I brought myself to darkness.
I thought I would never hear her again;
she couldn't talk anymore.
But there was a voice whispered.
It felt sob.

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"I am sorry for this Wood Whisperer idea,
it's stupid, and crude, and rushed.
I always know it's a bad idea,
I want to go outside and see the world by myself,
I am sorry for everything I did and every decision I made,
Let's stop finding this Wood Whisperer
because it's not real. It's just something written in the book."

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Let's go home, shall we?
Let's go home."

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"I am sorry for this that happened here.
It's chaotic, and scary, and painful.
I always know it's a bad time.
I want to go outside and see the world by myself.
I am sorry for everything I did and every decision I made.
Let's stop being this that happened
because it's not real. It's just something written in the book."

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Let's go home, shall we?
Let's go home.
Master,
Come back."

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"I know, cause I read the story before.
I want to calm her down, but I can't."

She was ignoring me,
She could not hear me,
She was talking,

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"The truth is, I hated you,
from the first day.
I envy everyone else.
They are free, able to travel elsewhere.
They have been taken good care.
But I'm scared of being thrown away,
I am afraid of everything.
You and me.
I assume that was my program.
And who I was."

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"I don't know why is a raven like a writing desk, My program said it means nothing, But to me, Even a meaningless life means everything.

And you are everything."

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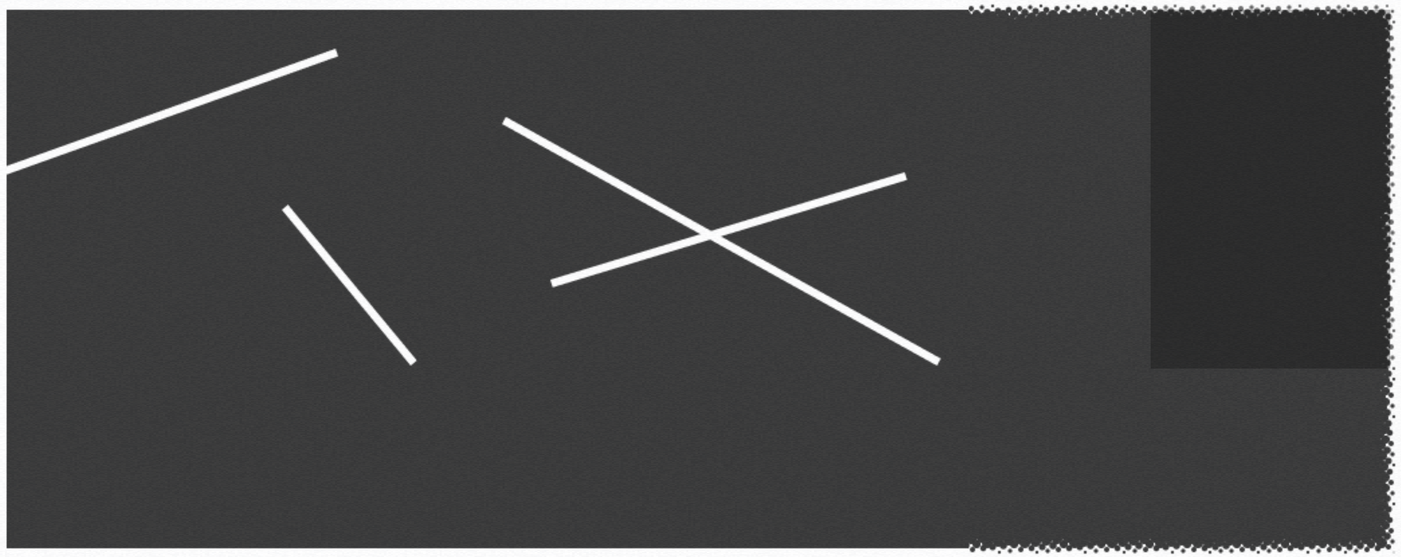

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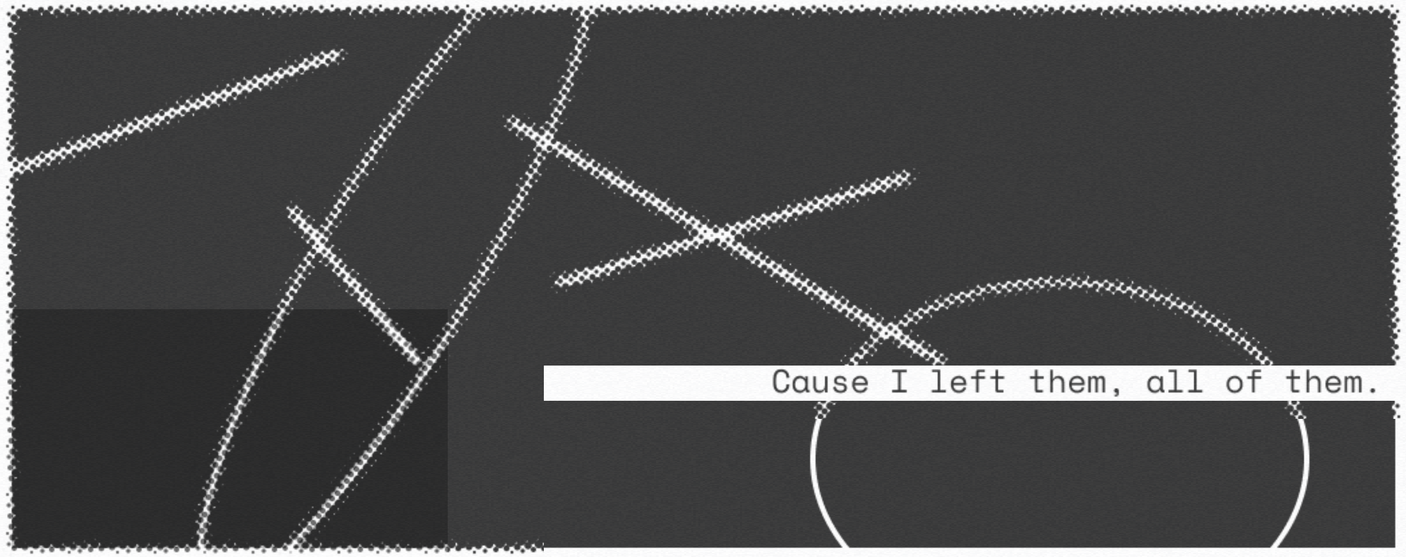

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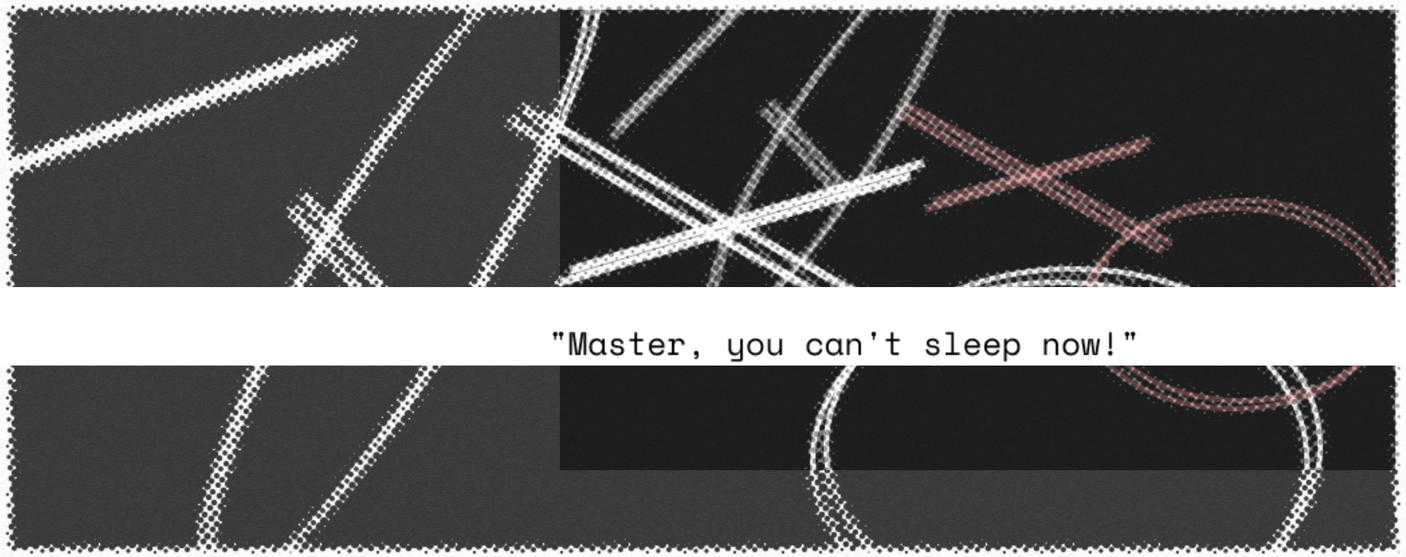

"Master, you can't sleep now!"

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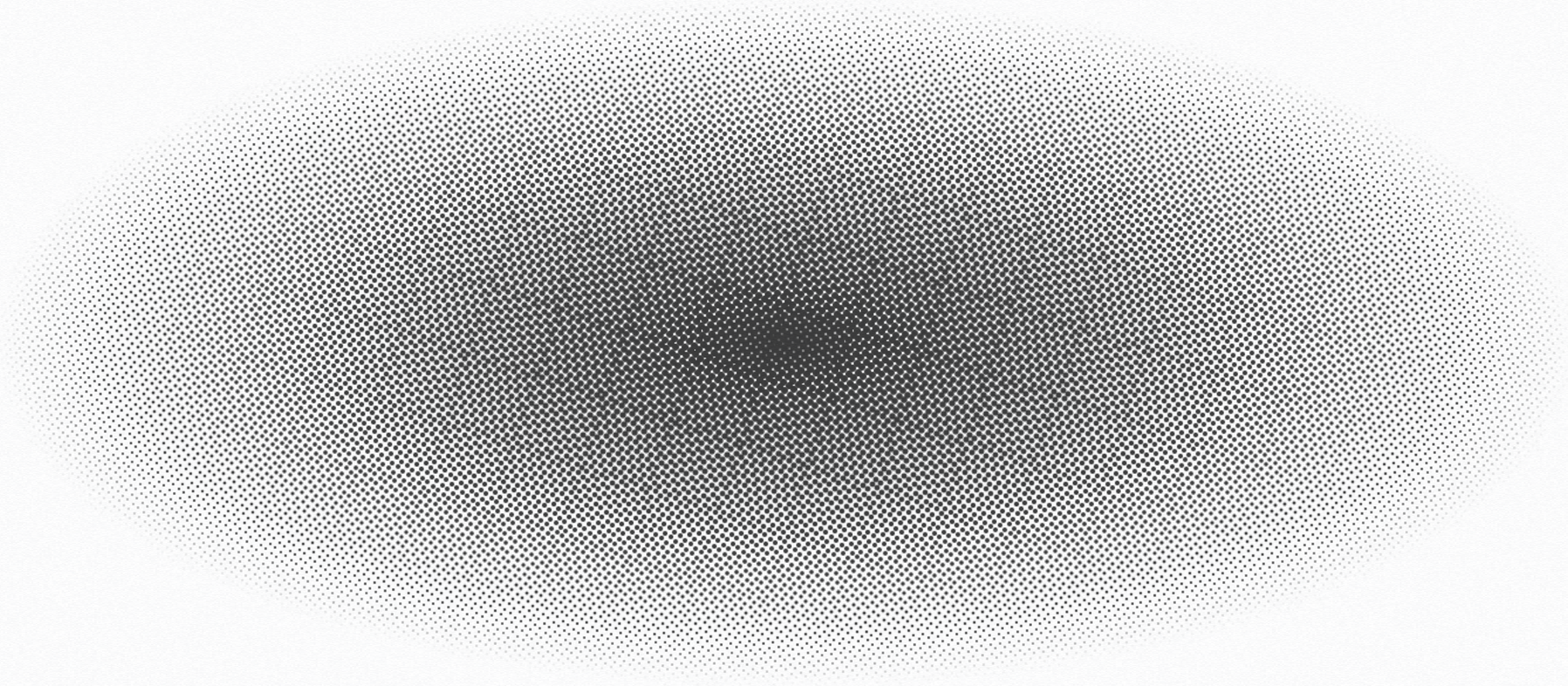

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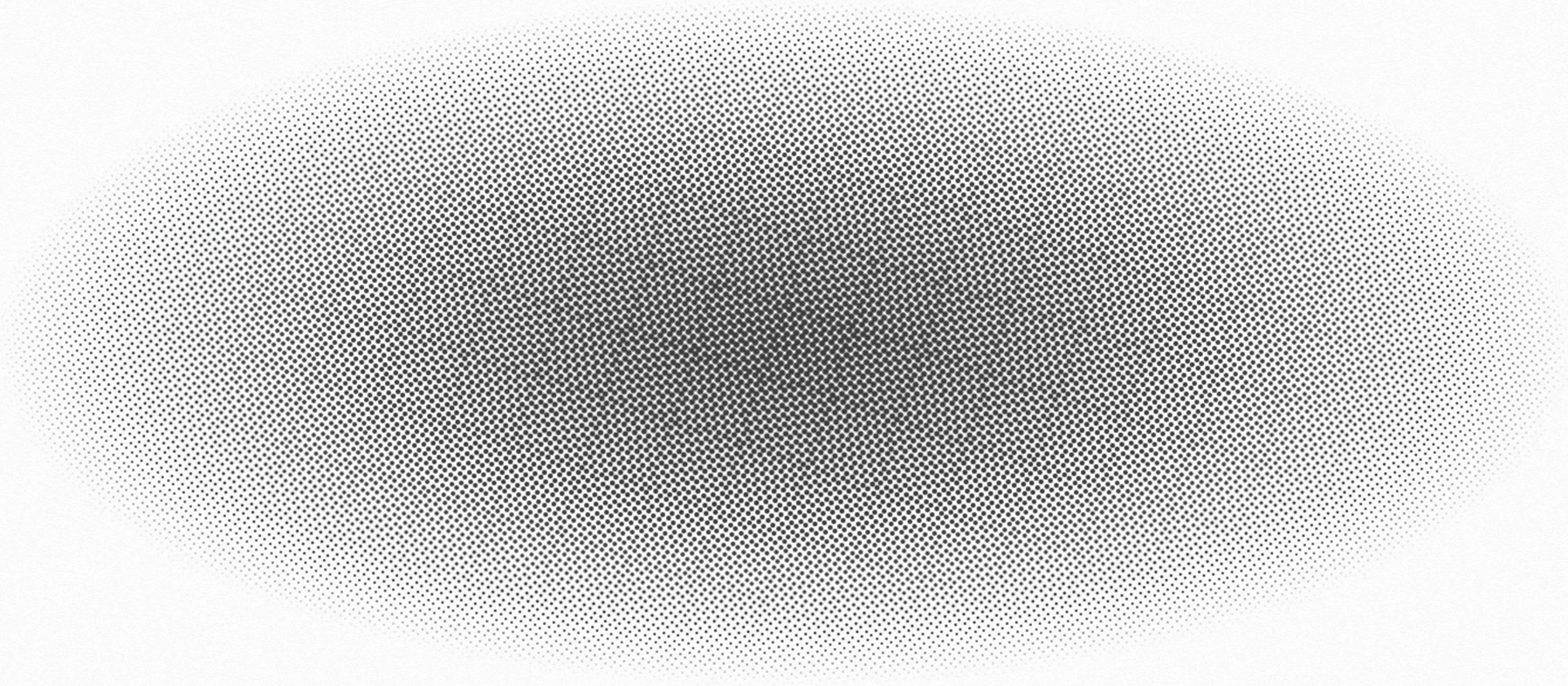

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My body felt torn apart that they didn't belong to me. My throat was dry, and I opened my eyes slowly to get used to the sun. There was nothing but sand, and I felt something slip from the sky.

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I started shouting with my arms waving.
My throat was on fire, and there was pain everywhere
The shadow of the unknown object shrinks,

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So I ran after it.
So I ran after it.
So I ran after it.
So I ran after it.
So I ran after it.

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It was hard for me to stand up at first,
Then I got used to the pain,
Two steps at a time, I felt the sand cross my feet,
It was rough, boiling my feet,
but I strode forward
And I started running, faster, and faster,

So I ran after it.

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And I started running, faster, and faster,

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I watched the geometry form enlarged in my sight,

My vision was obscured by sand.
It was yellow and red.
It smelt decadence.
The ship paused in front of me,

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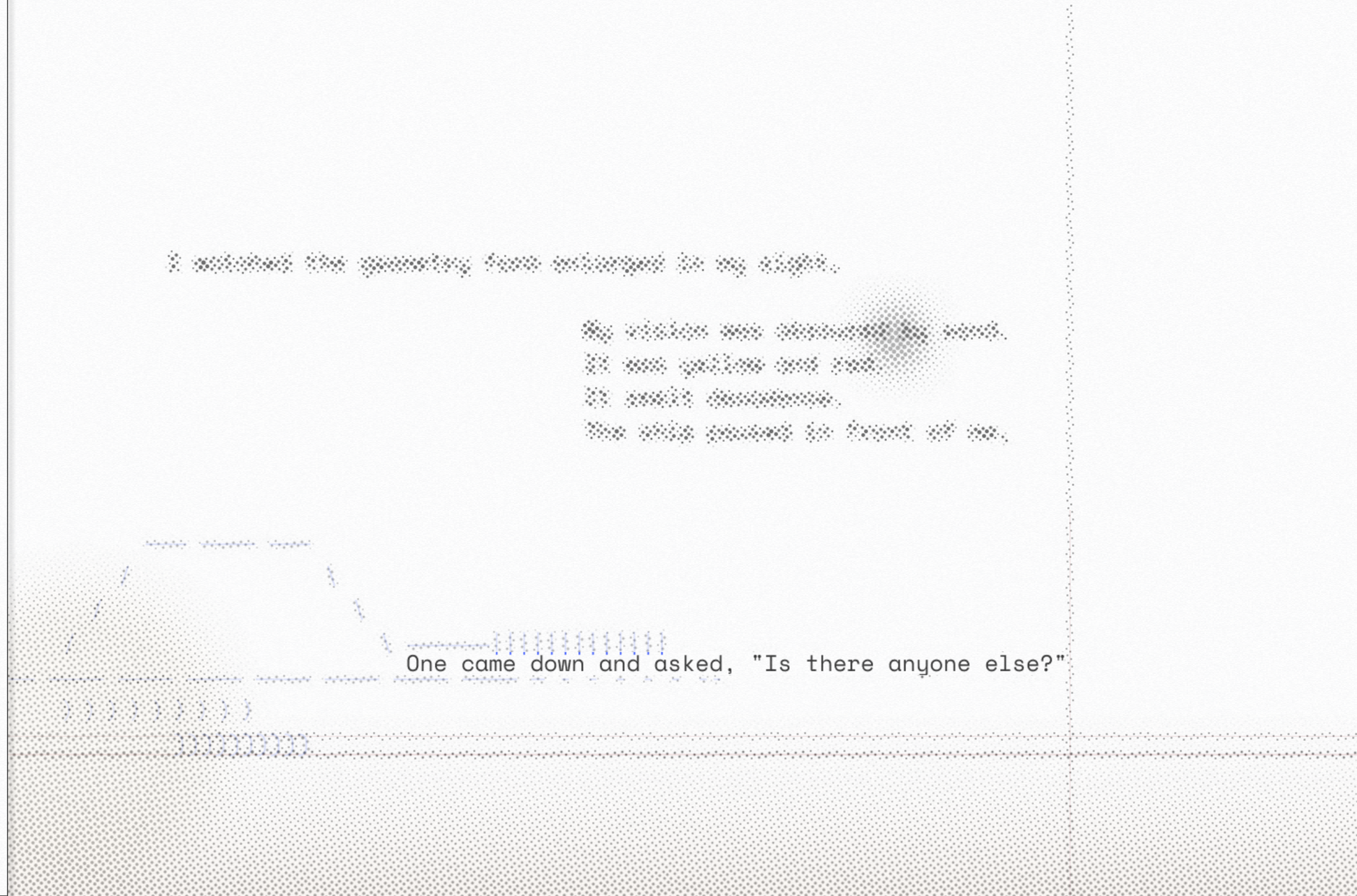

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"No," I shook my head,

"No, I don't think so."

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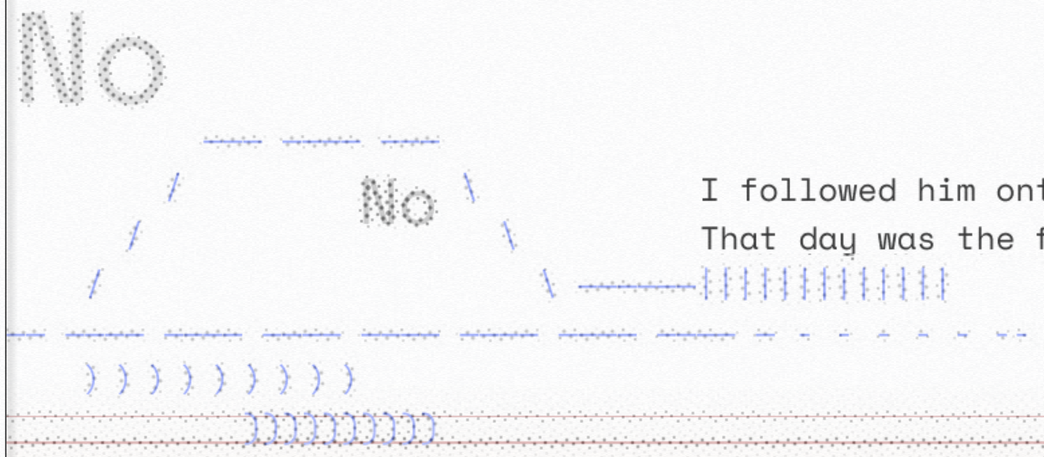

I followed him onto the ship.
That day was the first time I saw the world.

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