

Synopsis of Sharp Corners

Danny -

A broken cyborg housed up in the retirement home for cyborgs due to physical hardware bugs. Due to his glitch he is being used as a "harvesting" tool, providing limbs for Marny's repair.

Dr. Jonsey -

Head doctor at the home. Spends time talking to the "patients" and helps to harvest Danny. Her nurse uniform is more humanly colored as she is one of the main characters. It is revealed at the end of the play that she is also a cyborg (she obeys the TV/observers without question, not acknowledging them in the process).

Jon -

Spends his time sitting and thinking about himself. He's at the home due to a software glitch that compels his brain to convince him that he's indeed human and not a cyborg. The story surrounds his resolution to the internal crisis (through dramatization on stage front with Marny and various other people) and his eventual fleeing of the retirement home.

The Retirement Home -

Located on the Northern part of Wilkon's East Electronic and Technology University (WE EAT U).

Marny -

Jon's girlfriend and another cyborg. Currently does not reside at the home but appears there as both a recipient to a new limb and to visit Jon. Often appears in his memories. Due to a hardware bug her arms will occasionally fall off without warning.

In a nutshell...

Act 1 -

Visual introduction to the characters. Danny is processed while Jon relives his often contradictory memories. Sometimes as he describes the stories they will not appear as such but acted out as they really happened. Dr. Jonsey often is with Jon reminding him not to whine while listening to his rambling. During Jon's reminiscing we see what he describes in stage center including his interactions with Marny (her first loss of limb) as well as his breakdown at a nightclub when he realizes he can bleed. Jon is confronted with the idea that he's going delusional and he'll soon forget he was a cyborg. At the end of the act he decides that leaving the home is the only way he can function, even as he realizes that his life will be a lie.

Act 2 -

Jon prepares to leave with Dr. Jonsey's help and pleads with Marny to come with him. Jon realizes that even though Marny will always be a cyborg, he'll need help if he's going to survive. She is faced with the choice of leaving WEEATU or keeping her arms (which will eventually fall off without the option of having them repaired again). Jon and Marny eventually leave together facing the unknown of life as "regular humans". After they depart, the observers, through the TV instruct Dr. Jonsey to terminate Danny as his functionality has ended. Marny, though armless, will not return. The lights go out as Dr. Jonsey approaches Danny's bed. Immediately after the lights go out we hear Danny's gargled yell.