

GRAY-TONES

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FADE IN:

INT. ROBOTS HOME - FULL VIEW OF ROOM - EARLY MORNING

Robot, Small Droid, exits his charging pod as the doors hiss closed behind him. The ceiling lights slowly illuminate row by row across the room. The back wall lowers revealing a view of Robo City, a place devoid of any organic life or color.

Robot moves across the room as the radio turns on.

ANNOUNCER(not visible)

"World-wide human population is now estimated to be at a new high of 37,000."

A slight pause before the announcer's voice continues.

"Is it possible that one day humans could take over the world?"

Robot clicks the radio off as he is suddenly shocked. With this shock, the world around him shifts for an instant revealing the hidden colors around him. Robot rolls back, not sure of what just transpired. He slowly approaches the radio again, sticking his finger out towards the nob.

INT. ROBOT HOME - ZOOMED IN ON FINGER AND RADIO

Robot's finger approaches the radio button as we see static hit his finger changing his hand into color. He shakes his hand from the shock causing the color to fade to its natural black and white.

He extends his finger back towards the radio again, he hesitates for a second and then jams his finger into the button.

INT. ROBOTS HOME - FULL VIEW OF ROOM

Robot is electrified but holds his finger in place slowly letting the color take him over. He rolls over to the mirror to see his new look, his eyes widen with excitement. He becomes obsessed with the colors.

Robot begins to shock various items around the room; first the television as it changes to color but then cracks, the ceiling fan as it begins to spin faster and faster until its motor begins to smoke, and finally his charging pod as the lights all begin to flicker on and off until it goes dead.

Robot's excitement continues to grow. He yanks up the floor board beneath him revealing a junction box. He reaches in and pulls out the wires letting them shock him. Robot's digital face begins to glitch as his entire room swirls into color but then all goes black as he blows the fuse. Only Robot's eyes are visible still as they show a saddening expression. A moment passes and he displays a lightbulb as he has had an idea. The doors to the apartment open as he floors it outside with a big grin on his display. Through the window, we see color begin to slowly take over the city approaching the large tower located in the middle. The lights of the tower begin to intensify, its glow begins to flicker as power to the entire city goes dead.

Complete darkness.

THE END