

Sisters  
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FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

A 14 year old girl NAS with short frizzy hair runs through the kitchen out her way out the door. The older sister DANI tries to grab her sister on the way out.

DANI  
Hey, get something to eat,  
Shortstuff.

Dani has even more hair. It sits on her head like a willow tree. Dani grabs her sister by the backpack and stuffs an apple into the side pocket.

DANI  
No wonder you are short.

Nas runs out the door. Dani waits staring at the door. Nas pokes her head back in.

NAS  
You look like the butt end of a  
snail.

Dani shuts the kitchen door.

DANI  
Like clockwork.

Dani sits at the kitchen table, starts a science lesson on her tablet, grabs a book and reads. Multitasking.

INT. SCHOOLROOM - DAY

Five students sit facing a screen for a virtual lesson, they fidget, look around.

VIRTUAL TEACHER  
Pay attention kids. Do you want to  
start over?

The kids exaggerate eye rolls, but pay attention to the lesson again.

VIRTUAL TEACHER  
So who knows why we use carbon-14 to  
date organic materials?

The kids choose an answer on the desk screens.

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VIRTUAL TEACHER

All correct! ten points. Last question. What is the half-life of carbon-14?

VIRTUAL TEACHER

One correct. Nas how did you know this?

NAS

My sister told me. She is old like carbon-14.

VIRTUAL TEACHER

Rule 1-1 states that no siblings are allowed. Do you have a tutor?

NAS

Sometimes.

VIRTUAL TEACHER

Lesson six is due tomorrow. So read it at home.

The other kids turn away from Nas and leave.

INT. ANDROID CONTROL - DAY

INSPECTOR-24 is a man with greying hair and the look of a prison warden. Not the type of man to laugh more than once a year.

INSPECTOR-24

Driver!

An even older man with a tired look steps into the room.

DRIVER

Is there a live one left? No calls in five years, What's up?

INSPECTOR-24

This one came from a Virtual, in school, in some academic exempt neighborhood.

DRIVER

We could spend all day outside with this.

INSPECTOR-24

Fresh air is just a memory. You and I are just as extinct as the smell of flowers.

INT. KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Dani helps Nas with her assignment. She pages through the screen, finds the lesson, gives the younger the tablet.

DANI  
20 minutes. Let's go swimming when you are done.

NAS  
You are worse than my teacher.

A soft chime.

DANI  
Yes House.

HOUSE COMPUTER (O.S.)  
Visitors. Front door.

DANI  
Interrogate.

HOUSE COMPUTER (O.S.)  
Inspector-24 Android Control.

DANI  
Hey you. Call Dad, 1250.

Nas dials, Dani waits for an answer, turns and walks to the front door.

INT. KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Inspector-24 walks in behind Dani. Nas comes skipping in through the other door.

NAS  
Are you the man who fixes the house system?

INSPECTOR-24  
No, I came to talk to your sister.

NAS  
Why? She is really boring.

DANI  
Why are you here?

Inspector-24 answers as he looks around.

INSPECTOR-24  
No, I really came to talk to you.

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DANI

About?

INSPECTOR-24

Regulation 1. Directive 1. One child policy.

DANI

Regulation 1, Directive 1, Article 5. Exemption for talented potentials.

The communication pad comes to life, returning the call. It shows an empty lab, with scattered equipment. DAD slides into view. He is a Black man with an unkempt beard the type you grow when working in a research station. Big sign behind him says Global Rebirth.

DAD

Inspector-24? Early hire. What keeps you going?

INSPECTOR-24

Lonely job, no prospects. Pride. Smart cookies you have here.

DAD

No doubt. Name the regulation.

Inspector-24 looks at Dani.

INSPECTOR-24

Regulation 1. Directive 1, Article 6. Inspectors can determine the optimal locations for interrogations.

DAD

True?

DANI

True.

NAS

Interrogations of minors must be recorded, located, and broadcast live to parents or guardians.

DAD

True.

INSPECTOR-24

(fake sincerity)

You are so smart. Where did you learn that?

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NAS  
School. Last year. Get with it old  
dude.

DAD  
Begin. Now!

Inspector-24 pushes the Comm button on his shoulder.

INSPECTOR-24  
Recording of minor commence.  
Broadcast to..

Inspector-24 reads the number of Dad's comm screen.

INSPECTOR-24  
Broadcast to South-124-J8.

DANI  
(pointing to Nas)  
You. Behave yourself.

INT. ANDROID CONTROL - AFTERNOON

Dani sits in a chair facing Inspector-24 across a desk.  
Behind Inspector-24 is a non-obtrusive instrument. Two rows  
that looks like an extended visor.

The display sits behind Dani. Her heart rate, temperature,  
blood pressure and brain waves display. This is a lie  
detector with a kick.

INSPECTOR-24  
State your name please.

DANI  
It is already on the display.  
Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled  
peppers. Calibrated?

INSPECTOR-24  
Tell me a truth.

DANI  
This bores you.

INSPECTOR-24  
Tell me a lie.

DANI  
I like spending time with you.

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INSPECTOR-24

Calibrated. Now, you can see an old lady walking up a hill. Do you help her?.

DANI

Blade Runner called, they want Deckard back.

INSPECTOR-24

Gonna help the old lady?

DANI

Why? Suppose she does 5K every day. Interrupt her cardio? Your questions lack definition.

INSPECTOR-24

Okay. You have a bully at school. He accidentally drank something poisonous. You can drive him to the hospital. Do you?

DANI

No.

INSPECTOR-24

No? Do you care about others?

DANI

The school medical officer has antidotes to 21 poisons. A trip in traffic at high speed elevates his blood pressure increasing his blood flow. He dead!

The Inspector tries to hold back a smile.

DANI

You lost your edge Inspector, you are having fun.

DAD (V.O.)

Don't underestimate your Interrogator. He was the best there ever was.

The Inspector looks up at the camera on the ceiling to his right and nods.

INSPECTOR-24

There is a library with all the information known to all of history. You can spend your lifetime and know everything. Do you enter?

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DANI

No. I got other things to do.

INSPECTOR-24

You will miss the chance to learn.

DANI

You never stated that the information is only available in the library. Did you write these questions?

INSPECTOR-24

Yes. Take a break. Get something to drink.

INT. ANDROID CONTROL - LATER

Dani returns with a drink in hand. Sits. Sips the drink slowly. The Inspector adjust his recorder. The questions begin again.

INSPECTOR-24

Someone threatens to kill many people. But this person has been very nice to you. You can kill him and save many lives.

DANI

What people? Innocent people, more like him, the boy who bullies my sister at school, etcetera etcetera etcetera.

INSPECTOR-24

The King and I. Very old movie, why?

DANI

It was so cool! Etcetera. A threat requires investigation not termination.

PAN TO CLOCK. SHOW TIME PASSING. TWO HOURS.

INSPECTOR-24

I think we are done, young Miss.

DANI

Whew! Oh my aching brain. Do you have children?

INSPECTOR-24

Questions are not allowed. But Yes!

DANI

Why don't you go home Inspector?

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DANI (cont'd)  
Spare clothing, books, the real old  
fashioned books.

INSPECTOR-24  
Perceptive. Maybe I'll adopt you.  
Driver will take you home!

INT. ANDROID CONTROL - MOMENTS LATER

Inspector-24 sits at the desk; talks to Dad.

INSPECTOR-24  
Definition and deception. She cannot  
extrapolate a vague question and  
develop an answer.

DAD  
She is analytical. Badly defined  
interrogatories do not lead to a  
correct answers. Maybe she is just  
sarcastic or trying to annoy you.  
Teenagers.

INSPECTOR-24  
She told me nothing of herself in  
fifty-two questions. Deception.

DAD  
My fault. This is the age of Persona  
Jacking. I taught her to be guarded.

INSPECTOR-24  
Funny how our children are never  
perfect, but you can program  
perfection.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

The youngest Nas sits on the table, listening to the lesson,  
playing dancing hands.

LESSON PAD (V.O.)  
When a living organism dies, carbon  
intake ceases. The ratio of carbon-12  
to carbon-14 begins changing; the  
carbon-14 decays, the amount of  
carbon-12 remains constant. Comparing  
that ratio to a living organism, can  
precisely determine the age of  
subject tested.

DANI  
Understood?

NAS  
Stored.

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DANI  
Repeat, 10% comprehension.

NAS  
(best little girl  
impression)  
Well, there are the carbon atoms  
right. One dies. Wait the one that  
dies kinda lives for 5000 years,  
right.

DANI  
Good. Twenty percent comprehension  
for your test tomorrow.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Nas gets under the blanket.

DANI  
House! Secure 100 then recharge.

NAS  
When you bleed, can you recharge?

Dani shows her finger with a band-aid.

DANI  
This? Yes, just like you. I make two  
million red blood cells per second. I  
am replaced, you are recharged, you  
use the same cells over and over  
again.

NAS  
Yours is inefficient. Yep you stupid,  
you stupid.

DANI  
Piss me off and I will change your  
face while you sleep, make you look a  
rabbit.

NAS  
Shut up!

Dani pushes her sister's head down on the pillow.

DANI  
You shut up! 7:00 AM wake cycle,  
don't walk around at night like a  
creeper.

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Dani watches the magnetic field glow around her sister as the recharge starts. Nas closes her eyes. Dani walks to the bedroom door, looks back. Nas closes her eyes.

DANI

I should have asked for a puppy.