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Chapter 167: Names are important

"So let me get this straight," [Fan Girl] said peering at Alexa from the open door, "You told yourself that you had barely thirty minutes to take a shower, change, brush your teeth and fix your hair...and then decided that meant that you could spent thirty minutes playing in the bathtub then rush into clothing and that is why you are soaking wet, your hair is a mess and I assume those soap bubbles stuck behind your ears means that you at least used soap?"

Alexa had been had!

She had managed to get Mister Squeaky into a pseudo-stable link easily enough, but the stupid thing kept resetting and breaking whenever she started simulating the Consciousness Stream, so that had taken more time than needed. In the end, she had needed to sink herself into the simulation as a giant Alexa version of herself (Her Booba had been covered by very helpful clouds, and her lower body wasn't even rendered since it would be underwater.

And that part of the simulated word didn't exist per se, so that didn't need censoring!

Either way, Alexa, for some reason, needed to sink herself into the simulation, even if the world looked exactly the same...except in the simulation world, Mister Squeaky couldn't see the other cleaning thingies (Like Commodore Soap and Lieutenant Poo sitting at the back).

Mister Squeaky's mind always broke whenever she tried to pull him out of the simulation, but seeing her as she was didn't break him, so long she was submerging herself into it. And that took time!

It burned almost 5 minutes! Five whole Minutes she could have used to play! And then she had to sit there listening to Mister Squeaky raving about cults, old gods, new gods, eldritch gods (Whatever that was), it sounded tasty at least.

In the end she had decided to ask him if he wanted something, to which Mister Squeaky refused. He didn't need help to fight against the evil Fatherland...or so he said.

Alexa would see if she could get him a subordinate, perhaps...perhaps a rubber duck wearing a hat...

Anyway!

Alexa had lost too much time there!

Then while messing around with Mister Squeaky in the oceans of life she had heard [Fan Girl] ringing at the door, that made her rush out and break the simulation, Mister Squeaky's Consciousness Stream got cut in two in one go, but it was fine, since his was a fake one anyway, unlike Alexa's.

And then she had ended up dressing without drying herself, she had absorbed some of the water, but there was a limit to how much water she could stock in her body (She didn't need to drink water for the day now! She did, however, need to use the bathroom!).

"...Yesh?" Alexa said nodding at the question of [Fan Girl], "Alexa made sure to scrub herself very well too! She didn't only play!"

That was a lie, of course; since she could remove all the dirties from herself with her Nanites, she didn't need to scrub! But [Fan Girl] didn't need to know!

Besides, the mean one, and the naggy one did the scrubbing for her anyway; she knew they would do it at least. One of them needed to do the things right for Alexa, she also needed to know how that was done if she was to pass up as a real [Human] after all.

"\*Sigh\*, fine. Let's go then." [Fan Girl] said sighing.

Yay! Alexa managed to dodge a crisis!

"Where are you going?" [Fan Girl] asked as soon as Alexa took her first footsie forward, "To the door?"

So Alexa asked, what was [Fan Girl] going on about? Didn't she say to go? The door was that way!

"The other way, we need to dry you, brush your hair, put in a ribbon or something for now... Also get you a new pair of shoes I guess...Those are drenched wet now too..." [Fan Girl] said closing the door behind her, but Alexa wanted to use that!

"But it's late!" Alexa protested, "Besides, Alexa can dry herself, she just needs a bathroom! One with the spiny thing!"

"A toilet?" [Fan Girl] asked looking at Alexa weirdly, "If you need to go I guess we can use that chance now...but why would you use a toilet to dry yourself? You will run out of toilet paper..."

Toilet what? They had paper made for the toilets too?

"No? Alexa just needs to empty her wastage deposit so she can shove more of the water there. Alexa's tummy is small, unlike the mean one or the naggy one." Really, Alexa wanted to file a complaint; why did they have such bigger tummies, but they didn't budge.

Alexa felt bloated! She was bloated! And she was still this drenched in water yet!

She had thought about stocking some water into her lungs too....she did actually too, since she hadn't gotten any warnings from Main Core, that didn't work.

Somehow, having water in the lungs doesn't help to breathe...Who would have thought!

"Nothing of that. You can use the toilet if you want before or while we dry your hair, but you aren't going anywhere like that. You will get sick," [Fan Girl] said shaking her head and pushing Alexa to the bathroom.

Once they arrived there, it was...a scene straight out of a carnage...

"....You did use your thirty minutes as much as possible huh..." [Fan Girl] said, raising her hand and doing honor to her moniker, as she started blowing hair from...somewhere roughly in the middle of her hand.

She was blowing air to dry the bathroom, a site of carnage and destruction...filled with puddles of water, soap and Mister Squeaky sitting atop the toilet. A loyal subordinate awaiting for the brave new world.

"Alexa says dibs!" Alexa said as she rushed to the toilet, seeing all this water made her want to discharge her current load, it wasn't that much compared to how much the mean one could hold (Roughly 20 mls more than her).

But it was still 200 milliliters of water! It was too much! Alexa was bloated! Bloated!

"....You do you, I'll....dry this for now I guess." [Fan Girl] said turning her back to her, why?

"Alexa....are....are you peeing in front of Big sister?" The mean one came!

"Alexa was ready in time! It was Fan Girl the one that stopped Alexa and sent her back! Alexa is innocent!" Alexa raised her defense first, a swift attack was the best defense.

"Don't mind that! Why are you peeing in front of Big Sister!" The mean one was stuck in that huh...

Weird.

"Because Alexa needs to drop this extra water! She absorbed as much as possible, but Alexa only has a limit of 200 millimeters, unlike you, who have more!" Alexa said as she almost was finished, why was she so fixated on this?

"WHY DID YOU FILL YOUR BLADDER IN THE FIRST PLACE! WE HAVE TOWELS FOR THAT!" The mean one screamed at her, she seemed to be angry for some reason... "Whatever...just.... just do whatever."

"Are you done? Can I turn around now?" [Fan Girl] asked, Alexa was indeed done.

"Yes, just let me push the weird water button." Alexa said, pushing a button to the side of her seat.

"The what now?" [Fan Girl] asked, not quite turning as the sound of a small stream of water started. It went by a couple seconds.

"Then the air button!" Alexa carried on and pushed a second button.

"...Of course you use a bidet.... fricking Saintsworths..." [Fan Girl] mumbled... Wait, was Alexa being rude by using the water spinny thing? She did have another [Fan] in the area...

"...Alexa..." "Don't you dare finish that phrase?" "...Is dry! At least her lower body!" Alexa said, standing up and un-equipping her clothes.

That is to say, she threw her wet clothes into The Chair...Or beside it anyway, she was not going to wet her pajamas, she liked those too much!

"....I swear to god I'm not having kids..." [Fan Girl] said as she did some weird movements with her hands and Alexa felt herself be surrounded by the wind as it seemed to move around her body.

She could detect faint traces of mana? But she was weirded out because she didn't get the notification from Main Core.

Hello?

Nothing?

"You still there? Do you know why Main Core is sulking?" Alexa asked inwardly as [Fan Girl] mumbled something about injustice or something, she seemed fixated on Alexa's hair and how hers was nice and silky even though she hadn't bothered to dry it before.

"...We are working on it, Alexandra should be about done. I just came to make sure you didn't leave Big Sister waiting, don't do anything stupid. And call for us if Main Core doesn't answer and you need help." The Mean one said, and after a few seconds, Alexa felt her presence sink back once again into the deepest part of her psyche.

It was such a weird feeling. But at least someone was working on the sulking Main Core!

She didn't like a sulking Main Core, she needed her helper!

Besides, he was nice to have around. That was part of the reason Alexa didn't mind giving him some space in their shared mindscape!

"Are you listening? You need to properly care for your hair, I know you can shapeshift and whatnot, but the hair is a woman's pride!" [Fan Girl] really had a thing for hair huh.

"Yes, Alexa will always make sure her hair is pretty!" Alexa answered that it was easy; she only needed to update her [Blueprint] every now and then, and her hair would return to this condition!

Easy peasy, even if she squeezed herself by updating her Blueprint. It did have a weird feeling doing it, but it went away very easily, and she could set up her body to how she liked it after a few minutes of work anyway.

"Now that Alexa is dry..." Alexa said as she turned to look at her bedroom.

"We dress again... let's go." [Fan Girl] nodded while putting Alexa one of the bathrobes that were by the door.

Alexa didn't use them often, since she didn't understand the reason for them, couldn't you just put on your clothes? Why put on clothes, to remove them a few meters later? It was dumb.

The bathrobe was dumb.

But since [Fan Girl] put it on Alexa, and the mean one was helping Alexa right now...Alexa decided to accept it.

"Move on, pee girl, we will be late as is." [Fan Girl] said sighing.

Alexa was not a pee girl, everyone peed! Why was that an issue! Why was she so fixated on it!

Maybe [Fan Girl] was really the [Big Sister] of the mean one, they both got fixated in the weirdest things...

The next part wasn't as complicated as this, though.

"So? Where are your uniforms?" [Fan Girl] asked as they walked into her bedroom. "...and why do you have the e-gamer girl set up?"

The what now? [Fan Girl] was looking at Alexa's weird weaker computer thingy.

"Big Brother gave it to Alexa, only the mean one and the naggy one use them from time to time. But the mean one gets angry if the naggy one touches it too much, and Alexa doesn't need to use it to see

Magmo anyway. So Alexa doesn't touch it." Alexa said shaking her head, she wasn't sure if it was right to shake her head now. But she did.

"....Why do you use those names, by the way?" [Fan Girl] said walking near the cat headphones, "I know your older forms do say the proper names."

"...Because the mean one is mean....and the naggy one only nags...Well, the mean one also naggs..." Alexa said, thinking for a few seconds, why didn't she use their names?

It was weird.

"Also...Alexa is Alexa right?" Alexa said.

"Yes," [Fan Girl] answered.

"But the mean one and the naggy one are also Alexa," Alexa said while moving to the dresser that housed her clothes. Or the spare ones, the [Elder] had given her a couple extras, even though Alexa didn't really need them.

The fungi undies were self-cleaning after all, but the [Elder] had grumbled about unreasonable people, so Alexa had spares. She was half sure her undies were dry already, but [Fan Girl] looked like the kind of person who wouldn't let her use them since they were [Dirty].

So instead, Alexa grabbed a pair of new fungi undies and put them on.

"So... Alexa... Alexa thinks that calling them by shortened or extended forms of her name is weird." Alexa said turning to [Fan Girl], "Also Alexa's spare uniforms are there."

Alexa pointed to a wardrobe, it had a mango sticker on the door, it was Alexa's wardrobe, it had her stuff!

Mostly some school uniforms, her normal clothes (Or the clothes she used as a base to shift her external layer of equipment) and her spare bodysuit from [Haephestus' Forge].

"...That is fair I guess," [Fan Girl] said opening the wardrobe to exactly what Alexa said that would be there, "But still... isn't it weird? I mean, even if they are you. You will refer to yourself differently as you grow. I don't even use the same nickname I used to refer to myself anymore when growing....up."

[Fan Girl] started all cheery, only to slow down mid-way through her speech. So she also had these problems!

"I'll not pretend to know how troublesome it is for you, but even so. You should still think about it, how would you feel if your older selves also denied your name?"

How would Alexa feel if someone wouldn't say her name no matter what?

"...It would feel bad?" Alexa said, even if she couldn't imagine anyone not saying Alexa's name, she was too cute to be ignored! Even if [Fan Girl] had used a weird nickname for a moment...

But surely she still thought of Alexa as Alexa!

Even if she sometimes thought of Alexa as...Ale or Alexandra.

"....So...they feel bad? Because Alexa doesn't call them by their names?" Alexa asked turning to [Fan Girl], she didn't thought they would feel bad though. Alexa had shown that she cared about them! She had given them nice things. And even gave them extra time out and room!

Or as close as one could get to a room within Alexa's mindscape anyway.

"You tell me, they are you right? Would you feel bad?" [Fan Girl] asked with a knowing smile.

"Yes...Alexa wouldn't like for people to not call her Alexa." Alexa said in a sad tone, she hadn't thought it would be this much of a problem!

They all knew who Alexa was speaking about, so why did it matter if she didn't say their name! They hadn't said anything about it either, so Alexa wasn't sure if it was even a problem to begin with! Maybe it was just [Fan Girl] being weird.

"Then be polite and say their names when you speak about them, I know you are just speaking about yourself, but you say your name all the time, why not saying the names you use when you are in your grown forms too then?" [Fan Girl] did have some point to her argument. Alexa did love saying her name, so if the...If Ale and Alexandra were like her, then they would like if Alexa said their name right?

Alexa had been planning to be good with them too, since they would do some of her chores from time to time.

But even so, she would attempt to do it, Alexa was anything if not someone who could learn and become better!

She was Alexa after all!

"Okay," Alexa said, nodding, "Alexa will say their names, both names Ale and Alexandra...But if they said that they won't mind, then Alexa will return to the before if needed."

That was the crux of the matter wasn't it? If Ale or Alexandra really minded it or not...

They would chime in with their opinion any minute now...

Any minute....

"So, I know you are comfortable wearing only underwear, but it's about time you put on your uniform, we will really be cutting it close as it is," [Fan Girl] said pulling out a new set of uniform from her wardrobe, blazer, shirt, skirt, short pants...everything.

Well....dang it, perhaps she could turn into her Noodle form and squeeze into one of her socks? That would be wearing her uniform...right?