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Chapter 176: The bathroom incident

"We are back, sorry for the delay." Ale's voice sounded within Alexa's mind.

"We did our best to put...Main Core back, but give it some time..." Alexandra's worried voice followed suit, "Did we lose something important? Why aren't you in the auditorium?"

Oh right! The memory thing! The thing!!!

"Like that...Two other sets of people? How...how does one house three sets of people in one body?" Glory asked, her eyes still shining purple. Why purple?

"...Alexa? What did you do?" Ale asked; Alexa could feel the girl's eyes narrowing in judgment!

"Alexa did nothing!" But Alexa was innocent! She wasn't the one that did this!

Well, she did something, but she couldn't know it would end up like this! So Alexa was innocent!

"[Sister], [Edgy], [Chuunibyo], [Tsundere] ?" That sounded like Ale, Alexa wasn't sure what a chuunithing or a tsundething was, but that sounded like Ale. At the very least, Ale was the one focused on being edgy with the Arm-mament and whatnot.

"Hey! I'm not Chuunibyo! Or Tsundere!" Ale complained in the back.

"[Older Sister], [Motherly], [Caring], that one looks more normal." Glory carried on with her weird words, who was that one though? Alexa didn't know anyone who would fit the bill for that.

"....Pfft hahahahahahahaha," Only for Ale to start laughing at the next second when the second set came out, did they know who that was about? "Motherly she said! Hey Mom, I want that new *Bonk*"

"Alexa, I just went through the shared memory bank. You found out how to trigger a Core? Good job, but we may need to....do something about this now." Alexandra said in a somewhat sterner tone, Alexa got the impression that there was something....odd with the older one.

"Alexa? Care to...explain? I...I don't mind really...I can even get Alan to help you if you need to do the same procedure in you, to become Human..." Glory said standing there, in the middle of the bathroom staring at Alexa.

"*Sigh*" Alexa did the sigh thing! "Alexa.... doesn't really mind what she is."

"....But....why? Wouldn't you want to be human too? Why would you want to be....something else?" Glory asked, her hands trembling by her side, "Wouldn't.... wouldn't you want to be like everyone else? Doesn't the stares hurt? The glares that tell you how different you are?"

Stares? Alexa... hadn't really noticed those? Had they? Oh right, she had Main Core back right? Ale and Alexandra said that they had fixed him!

Main Core! Status report on the stares!

"[Notice, please elaborate in the query.]"

.....?

"Main Core?" Alexa said aloud, getting a confused look from Glory. Oh, right, she was supposed to answer about stares... "Alexa doesn't mind the stares, they stare because Alexa is cute anyway, it's normal for people to stare when one is cute, like how they stare at Ale because she is the pretiest of them all."

"You are damn right that I'm pretty." Ale nodded within their shared Mindscape.

"Or how they stare at Alexandra because she is the most beautiful of them all," Alexa didn't like that word, it was hard to write or say, who even came up with it? It described Alexandra well, but it was annoying.

"....Compliments will not get you anything." Alexandra said from within, "But it is true, we are designed like that, at least in principle."

Principle?

"... Haven't you noticed the mean stares?" Glory asked confused, "Or....is it because you are a Saintsworth? Was your life that much easier because of that?"

Alexa... didn't think her life was easier because of that? If anything, it was weird since Alexanders kept throwing stuff at her and staring at her using the cameras...Oh right, was he even looking now?

Main Core! Are there any cameras here?!?!?

"[Notice: There hasn't been any cameras within host's sight since reactivation of this program.]"

....Main Core was being weird.

"But that doesn't matter, stares or not. People will think less of you if you aren't human! Surely you know this, right?" Glory asked once again, why was she that fixated on that?

"Alexa is confused though, you should know about it thanks to your [Core Power], " Alexa said turning to Glory, and looking at her, she remembered, they were supposed to clean right? So Alexa removed her sundress and her pitifully normal underwear....

Miss Top, Mister Bottom, you will be remembered....

"What? My Core Power? You said that I-" Glory said suddenly turning her face to the side, was there something interesting in that wall? Not that Alexa could see...

Main Core! Scan that wall!

"[Notice: No scaning instruments available.]"

With the mana thingy!

"[Notice: No connected device is named, 'Mana thingy!'. I am unsure about how to help you.]"

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"Are you sure he is fixed? He seems dumb, he wasn't this dumb before." Alexa complained to Ale and Alexandra.

"....we did our best okay....it's....it's a work in progress....We will help with some of the overflow when we can...But for now, it's best if you think as if..." Ale started explaining something.

"It's best if we start doing our work ourselves and don't depend on Main Core as much as we did before," Alexandra interrupted Ale, "If we require something from Core or our nanites, we will do so ourselves, it will help us in the long run too, if we end up in a situation like if they found a way to neutralize our nanites be it the Mk1 or the subsequent generations."

That...sounded logical? Alexa couldn't think of a counter to that, so she would accept it for now.

"No, wait, don't distract me!" Glory suddenly said, "You haven't explained about why are there two other people inside you!"

Two?

"Because Alexa was told that there should be other people inside Alexa?" Alexa answered, really, Ale and Alexandra had come around because [Eleanore] said that she had that thing..." Alexa was told that she had...what it was? System? DID? DIDDY? DIP? Alexa is almost sure it was DIP."

"....You have two other people's souls inside you because someone told you that you had Dissociative Identity Disorder?" Glory asked as she turned to stare at Alexa confused, "I... I'm kind of sure that one doesn't get two whole souls because someone tells you that you have a mental disorder."

No?

Alexa was sure it worked like that, "Well, Alexa.... doesn't really mind it? She has enjoyed having Ale and Alexandra around." Alexa said nodding her head.

They were nice...kind of...sometimes...

"We love you too, Alexa," "You will still not get extra candies."

....Dang it.

"So, is that why you don't mind...being what you are? What even are you?" Glory said sighing in defeat and walking to one of the shower stalls.

What was Alexa? That one was easy!

"Alexa is Alexa!" Alexa said, smiling and walking to the stall near Glory and opening the thingy! "Cold!"

It was cold!

"Here, turn this one here....and select the temperature you want..." Glory said extending her hand into Alexa's stall and fiddling with a thingie on the wall (It was a touchscreen), "I'll set it roughly 2°C above ambient temperature, if you want it hotter set it up yourself."

Aaaaand warm.....Alexa liked it warm, but could she set it up higher? She could thermoregulate her own temperature manually....

"Alexa no, we will burn more energy by compensating and you will need to build protection against overheating...." Alexandra said at the back of her mind.

"Yeah, imagine turning like the naggy one when she sees Sam," The voice of Ale said at the back in a mocking tone.

"No," Alexa said to Ale, "She is Alexandra, we need to use names for people we care. It's bad to speak to someone without acknowledging their name."

Alexa was being mature!

"...Thank you, Alexa, but I don't mind it. I know I am naggy sometimes, but it's for your own good," Alexandra said in a somewhat caring tone. "Also, while I would love to speak on this, you do have a conversation to have with Glory, and we really need to get her to not speak about what she saw."

Oh right!

"...That is not really an answer, Alexa," Glory said from the side as she pulled a small bottle from within a compartment in the wall and started scrubbing herself, "Also, what is that thing... it's breaking the soap."

Soap!?!?!

Could she?!?!

"...this isn't Commodore Soap..." Alexa said in defeat as she saw the normal boring bottle, she still took some of that soap and started scrubbing herself in defeat, not that she even needed to do so. She had eliminated all the dirt and muck that had stuck to her (She did send a sample to Core before, though!)

".....So? Will you give me a real answer? Or...I don't think we can be friends if you don't..." Glory said in a lower tone.

"No!" Alexa screamed, she needed Glory! She was her friend!

"....Alexandra..." "Yeah...."

Shush!

"Alexa is Alexa okay!" Alexa said quickly, ignoring the prompts from Alexandra and Ale to come to the front, "Alexa doesn't know how else to explain it, Big Brother said that Alexa was human, Sam said that Alexa was human too! And I'm sure [Fan Girl] said something to that effect at some point!"

Who else? Who else?

"Ah! Core also said it too!" Alexa remembered that one, Core had said that P4 wasn't human, the human one was Alexa! "Even if Core was confused, she did say that Alexa was human!"

"But...?" Glory said, Alexa couldn't see her face, since she was covering with her hair as she scrubbed it with some shampoo...

"But that's it? Alexa.... Alexa didn't grow as a normal [Human], like..." Like... Alexa didn't even grow that much before being Alexa, did she? "Alexa.... hasn't been around [Humans] that long, so she isn't.... Alexa doesn't know.... Doesn't really understand why you all worry about such silly things like who is and who isn't human... Sam worries about that, you worry about that.... but your [Blueprints] says that you all are [Hhumans], so Alexa is confused..."

She really was confused.

"Sam? Is he another kid from the classroom of the elite? I thought only Alan and I spoke to you.." Glory said, confused.

"Nu-uh," Alexa said shaking her head and sending water and soap all around, she would enjoy that more if not for the fact that Glory was rethinking their friendship right now, "Sam is the nice spider person that Alexandra likes, Ale likes the bottom half and Alexandra likes the top half... Alexa doesn't really see the appeal, but they like him, so Alexa doesn't mind him."

"Hey!" "I like him for who he is, not for his perfect abs!"

"....Spider person?" Glory said turning to Alexa, her face was filled with water, funny, it almost looked as if she was crying.

"Yeah, he looks as if the top of his body was stitched to a giant spider body; Alexandra likes to go and eat with him in the sewers," Alexa said nodding, "He also worries about not being [Human], but from what Alexa has seen, all the [Core Users] are [Humans], no matter how they change."

"How are you so sure of that? Most Beast Core and Insect Core users have eaten human flesh, they are hunted for a reason...We lost uncle to one of them," Glory said and Alexa could see something in the eyes of the girl that she didn't need a Core Power to identify, hate.

"Alexa can see the [Blueprints]," Alexa said summoning one such Blueprint stored within Core, the blue screen flashing in front of her, "You can see these...or not, you said you know they are there...what do you see?"

"Hmm.....I know there is...someone there, but all I get is [Administrator], nothing else. Administrator of what?" Glory said, tilting her head to the side, just how Alexa liked to do too!

"Well, that's Core, she helps Alexa with her [Core Powers]," Alexa said, dismissing the thing, "She helps administering the more complex aspects of Alexa's [Core Power], she helps Alexa remake things fast when Alexa doesn't want to go manually about things."

"So you used that thing to help us become human?" Glory said patting herself in the tummy, just above the place that Alexa had felt the [Core] form.

"No?" Alexa said shaking her head, sending more water all around...that was fun, "Alexa couldn't update the Blueprint like that since Alexa wanted to make sure everything would go well, she had to edit the [Blueprint] and remove the bad. Now, neither Glory nor Alan will get the Cancer Sick or the other weird things like the extra tubes and stuff."

Alexa really didn't understand half of those things; they were useless or straight-up detrimental after all.

"But.... wouldn't you want to be Human?" Glory asked, "Beyond any doubt...."

"But Alexa isn't [Human], not really. Even if the people say, she is." Alexa said shaking her head, "Alexa knows best what she is."

"Alexa!"

"....Say...." Glory walked out of her stall and into Alexa's stall, "...what....what are you...really?"

"Alexandra! No!" What?

Alexa could swear she heard a scream? But before she could look for it, she noticed a query about deleting some records, and it was from Alexandra. Alexa wasn't sure what it was, but since it came from Alexandra it should be important so she allowed it.

"Huh?" Alexa was suddenly inside her Mindscape? "How...?"