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Chapter 181: Alexa also wants a cute vest.

"And as such Father, our current evaluation seems to indicate a rapid decrease of cognitive processing power," The Glory said in the video, she had that same refined look that she had from the first time that Alexa saw her, "We suspect that within the next thirty minutes our cognitive development will have been reduced almost as much as what our peers from the normal classes currently have. Alan seem to be able to return to his normal peak thanks to the type of Core Power he awoke, alas...I did not have such luck."

"We think that while my Core Power is focused toward the physical aspect of the body, Glory's Core Power seems to be focused towards the metaphysical." Alan said in the video, "Perhaps it is because our bodies were designed to complement each other, or perhaps it was merely luck. But it seems we are more compatible than ever."

The Alan in the video seemed somewhat off; he was keeping a weird distance away from the Glory in the video, and Alexa wasn't sure why that annoyed her.

"As such, Father, we moved as fast as possible to make this video, while we can't speak too much about the medium used to achieve the [Core Trigger] event, as we are tied by an NDA with the Saintsworths. Know that this was done fully understanding the risks and rewards," The Glory said in an even tone while tilting her head forward in an apology, "I'm sorry for all the problems that my less...[Educated] self will impose on you."

"And I'm sorry for not being able to protect your Daughter Lord Blackthorn, know that even if I somehow manage to retain most of my faculties I'll not discard Glory," Alan said also bowing forward. His was one steeper.

Alexa had originally intended to give one like that one, but her [Shapeshifter Core] said that it would be against the personality traits assigned for this event. So Alexa didn't, she did ask Alan about it and he said the same.

Glory was as confused as Alexa about why it would be bad. Glory, like Alexa, thought that if you were going to apologize, you should do your best.

But Alan had explained that doing so would imply that Glory had known the results of it and, in turn, would mean that she willingly did this to herself, and while Glory didn't know the results of this, even if she knew them, she would have done it.

But Glory's Father didn't need to know that, instead it would be better for Glory's sake that she acted as if this was a mistake out of her own hands. And while there was nothing like an actual NDA...

"Before we depart, there seem to be some weird side effects besides the mental degradation, besides a shift in personality, we are expecting some mild amnesia and degradation of mental age," The Glory in the video said, "We advise that the tutors be shifted around to this shift. Perhaps a month or so of observation before assigning new in-house teachers would be advised. But we will, as always, accept any judgment on your part, Father."

"The Harmonia will follow that advice and we have already sent a message with such statement back," The Alan in the video said, "Independently if the Blackthorn follows it, my own case being as special as it is will require such thing."

Alexa didn't understand that, Alan was able to keep more of his mental age and intelligence, what with being able to actually set up the same enhancements on his own, Alexa suspected that with some training he may be able to set them up in other people.

Perhaps Alexa could use that method to do the same, too? Alexa wasn't sure, but she would check later when Alan managed to do that.

"Alexa thinks it looks good," Alexa said nodding at herself and pointing at the image, the Glory and Alan there had continued speaking more weird and useless stuff.

Alexa wasn't that sure of what they had said since she stopped paying attention, the Glory in that one was...well, it wasn't a simulation as such, Alexa hadn't rebuilt the brain or anything, it was more like a pre-programmed set of words set up to be said while her body moved in the more appropriate way to fulfill the mission parameters.

"That is scary. Are you sure you didn't become her?" Alan said turning to Alexa with suspicion in his eyes.

"....When I grow up, can I be like her?" While Glory stared at the frozen image as the video had ended, the girl had stars in her eyes...not literally of course, what kind of weirdo would have stars in their eyes? The eyes didn't work like that.

"Alexa didn't make a Glory.per, "Alexa said shaking her head, "What Alexa did was set up a series of dialogues and put up a pseudo algorithm to manipulate the voice module, facial module and gesture modules. Then let that run. Depending on the way that the program detected what was being said, the algorithm would react."

If anything, this was less efficient than what she usually did with her [Shapeshifter Core] since it couldn't react or act accordingly to what was happening; it was, however, a sure way to ensure that there wouldn't be any runaway .subper entity going around.

Alexa... didn't want to have one of those around, she didn't mind having Ale and Alexandra, she even enjoyed having Main Core and Core, but having a Glory.subper felt wrong for some reason that Alexa couldn't quite vocalize well.

Either way, she didn't have to worry about it! Because no one could force Alexa to make a subper if she didn't want it! And even if they tried, Alexa wasn't even sure if she could make another subper like that!

Making extra Alexas was easy, she could do it in a second, why? Because it was Alexa!

Making Ales or Alexandras....could probably be done, Alexa wasn't sure why she felt as if it was impossible to achieve, but she had done it once, so it should be doable!

"...Well, please don't do that, if possible, at all." Alan said shuddering, again, "It worked for us since this will make it look like it was a normal Core Trigger event, it should be fine with this...If I didn't know, then I wouldn't been able to distinguish you from Glory."

Really?

"But the difference is right there," Glory suddenly said pointing at the Glory in the video, "See, here you can see it."

And then Glory proceeded to point at that Glory's eyes, "See, you can see it here, she has this weird look in it, it looks weird." Glory kept pointing at the other Glory's eyes.

Alexa...did not know what she was seeing, the eyes were normal enough, Alexa was sure that the [Blueprint] was in order, the hue and form was in form, at least by what Alexa knew of the [Blueprint]. But whatever was the case, Alexa would believe in Glory, perhaps this was part of her [Core]?

"... I guess so? I don't see it, I know she was other Glory because I saw you transform in her..." Alan said turning to Alexa, who remembered that she was wearing Glory's sobre blazer.

So was currently removing that and the inner jacket.

"Alexa has the best [Core Power] for real, for real." Alexa nodded, acknowledged for her greatness.

"... Let's just go to the auditorium, the speech should start any minute now." Alan said while looking at his wristwatch, "Finish fixing your uniform, both of you."

Alexa had already put on her vest and blazer, Glory... put on her blazer and ignored the vest. Was that a valid strategy? The vest was stuffy, Alexa also wanted to skip using it!

"..... Glory...." Alan said sighing.

"I don't wanna," Glory said, puffing her cheeks and crossing her arms, "It's stuffy."

Yes, it was stuffy!

"Just put it on, your Father will scold you if he sees you without the vest on," Alan said picking up the missing vest and offering it to Glory.

"But it's stuffy! And it's hot!" Glory said closing her eyes and looking to the side, "Also it's not cute!"

....It was indeed not cute, that wasn't a problem for Alexa since she made it with her natural cutenesses of course, but for Glory who didn't have a cuteness as natural as Alexa, it certainly was an issue.

"Stop nodding along and give some ideas too Alexa, we don't have time to waste like this," Alan suddenly said turning to Alexa.

"No!" Glory said shaking her head, "Alexa is on my side, the vest isn't cute!"

"Glory is right, the vest isn't cute. That isn't an issue for Alexa since Alexa is cute enough, but..." Alexa said nodding sagely, Glory also nodded sagely with her, Alexa already liked this one more than the previous one, perhaps she could do the same with all the class of the elite? "Alexa has the answer, we only need to make the vest cuter!"

"Alexa is so smart!" Glory said with stars in her eyes (Glory was merely sending Mana to her eyes with a pseudo-activation of her Core Power), "We just need to make it cuter!"

".....Is this how it feels to lose brain cells?" Alan asked, nursing his head, "Perhaps I ought to lobotomize myself after all."

"And for that!" Alexa said, carrying on her sacred mission, "We need stickers!"

"Stickers!" Glory parroted after Alexa.

"Stickers?" Alan asked, confused, "Why the hell would we need stickers?"

"CRADDLE person! Bring out the stickers!" Alexa said, pointing at a totally different wall, not that she had forgotten which wall she had pointed to before, but it felt more dramatic to point to another wall.

"Here is our current selection of stickers, pin, badges and cloth patches." The CRADDLE person said, bringing four selections of multiple things with those names.

The first one was filled with stars, numbers, logos of weird things and similar, the second included names of people that Alexa had never seen before, the third had some weird geometrical figures stick in the middle and the fourth...well the fourth also had letters and logos.

"To find the cute ones!" Alexa said calling to arms those that loved cute things.

"To find cute things!" And so, her army answered the call.

Glory and Alexa nodded at each other, and with as many dramatical movements as a pair of five- and six-year-old girls could muster, they walked to war....To the war of picking a cute sticker, pin, badge or cloth patch to cute-iffy Glory's vest.

".....Am I the weird one?" Alan couldn't help but say that aloud as both girls fought against the forces of the universe (Pins that got stuck to the cloth they had been secured to), but decided that he didn't want to waste more energy in this, "Fine....just... let's just pick one."

And so, in defeat, Alan Harmonia joined the pair of girls perusing pins.

Alexa at the end of it picked two pins and one sticker, a mango pin, a weird round purple bird pin and a star sticker.

Glory picked a rose pin, a weird octopus pin and an Eagle cloth patch.

Alan only picked a star pin.

"Hmmm...." Alexa said looking at her selection and comparing it with Alan and Glory's selection.

"Hmung...." Glory for her part only looked at Alan and Alexa's selection, "Which one do you think would fit me Alan?"

And asked as such of Alan. As for Alan Harmonia, heir of the most ancient and noble Harmonia house, new Core User and the most stressed student in the school at the moment.

"I think the Star pin is the safe bet," he decided to stand by his choice, "The octopi and bird-deformed animals are cute, but people would look weirdly at you if you suddenly changed your style this fast."

Glory nodded in pretend understanding, how did Alexa know she was pretending? Because Alexa was doing the same!

"We can take these cute pins and slowly mix them in with your wardrobe, perhaps stick them to your backpack first for a few weeks?" Alan said picking up the stuff that Alexa and Glory had picked, "As for the sticker and cloth patch.....they can go into your notebooks and maybe your spots uniform?"

Alexa nodded in understanding, she understood nothing, but she nodded nonetheless, why? Because she looked cute doing it.

"You are really smart huh..." Glory said, picking up the Star Pin from Alan and sticking it on the chest of the vest, "It looks cuter..."

"It does look cuter, Alexa was never one for stars, they don't look tasty, but it does look cute." Alexa said nodding and giving Glory a thumbs up, "Alexa will see about getting a pin for herself too."

"Thanks!" Glory said, hugging Alexa, "You are nice, even though your water thingy makes my head hurt!"

Her what?

"Her what?" Alan said, grabbing Glory and pulling her away from Alexa, "What water thing?"

"Her thingy!" Glory said, pointing at Alexa, "The whole..."

Glory put on suddenly a grave face and Alexa could swear the lighting changed as if to make Glory's face look more dramatical "[Eldritch], thingy."

"But Alexa is cute," Alexa said, pointing at herself, "Or...perhaps it's because Alexa is too cute?!?!? The horror...Alexa is too cute that she gives headaches!"

"Ah!" Glory said nodding, "That makes sense yes."

"The hell it does!" Alan screamed back at them.

"Lady Alexa, the time is running out, please move into the linear elevator, this will bring you to the venue," The CRADDLE person said as a door in one of the walls that Alexa hadn't pointed yet opened.

"Thank you CRADDLE person," Alexa said nodding and walking to the Elevator, "Let's go, Mister Pig is waiting!"

Glory nodded and said, "Okay!" and moved after Alexa, "Aren't you coming Alan?"

"...Glory, don't use your Core Power on Alexa anymore," Said as much while walking towards Alexa, "Practice it in other people...actually, don't use it on anyone at school, better that way, practice it with people you know don't have Core Powers first, then when you don't get a headache you can start-"

"Boring!" Glory said, pointing at Alan, "That's boring!"

"Boring!" Alexa said after Glory, "Alan is being boring!"

"This is serious!" Alan fought back as the door closed and the Elevator started moving.

Main Core? Is this thing moving sideways?

"[Answer to Query: Linear elevator is moving both in the X plane and Y plane.]"

....It wasn't an elevator! It was a plane!

"But that's boring!" Glory said groaning, "Besides, I like how the [Cute]

thingy of Alexa feels, and her [Mango] thing tastes funny!"

"....Promise me Glory," Alan said sighing, "At least till we learn more about what your Core power is, at least till your Father runs the battery of tests that he is surely getting ready right now."

"Fine....." Glory said deflating, "....Only because you asked....Sorry, Alexa, I'll not be able to taste your [Mango]."

"It's okay, Alexa will save some Mango for Glory!" Alexa said...not sure what Mango Glory was speaking about, she didn't have any mango with her....

Or...did she....?

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.....Main Core, do we have Mango with us?

"[Answer to Query: No.]"

....Did they ever answer about how to deal with a sulking Main Core?

"Say...what about Main Core...?" Alexa said, turning to Gloy and Alan.

"Arrived at destination."

"Let's go, we can't be late." Alan said grabbing Glory by her hand and pulling at her.

"Let's goooo!" Glory said, raising her other hand and walking after Alan.

"....But Main Core...is still sulking..." Alexa said as both Alan and Glory walked to the mass of students.

Leaving Alexa behind inside the Elevator.

"....CRADDLE person? How does Alexa deal with a sulking Main Core?" Alexa said as she walked towards the threshold of the Elevator.

"A sulking entity can be dealt by either fulfilling their needs or apologizing." The CRADDLE person said,
"There is also the case where the entity in question isn't sulking but suffering from another type of affliction, is this Main Core entity truly Sulking?"

....He was right?

Alexa was sure.

"Main Core, are you sulking?" Alexa even so decided to ask.

"[Answer to Query: Question requires clarification, how is this program sulking?]"

.....Alexa.....would need to ask more people, people that didn't lose like 20 years of mental age in one go just because they got poked by Alexa, or people that pretended to not notice how they ignored Alexa's question.

Perhaps...she could try with [Vulcanus] or [Elder]? Maybe [Fan Girl]?

Who else she could ask? Alexa didn't have many people that she knew that were like Main Core, she needed to meet more people who lived inside Artificial Intelligence Cores, she needed more friends!

But for now? She would hear a pig squeal or something. Oh right.

"Thank you CRADDLE person," Alexa said turning to the camera in the Elevator, "Can you send some cute pins and stickers to Alexa's house?"

"As you wish, Lady Alexa," The CRADDLE person said as her holographic figure materialized and gave a small bow to Alexa.

Alexa liked the CRADDLE person, she was helpful.