



AND THEN THERE'S THE MATTER OF PAIN.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN SOCIETY BELIEVED THAT PAIN AND SUFFERING BUILT *CHARACTER* AND A KIND OF *INNER STRENGTH*. IF THEY WERE RIGHT, THEN WE'VE NO TRACE OF CHARACTER LEFT.

HOW *COULD* THERE BE?

AND THIS KID, BEATEN, RAPED AND LEFT FOR DEAD, ALL SO SOMEONE COULD JACK INTO HIS MEMORY TO SEE WHAT IT FELT LIKE --

PROBABLY OVER, AND OVER, AND OVER AGAIN.

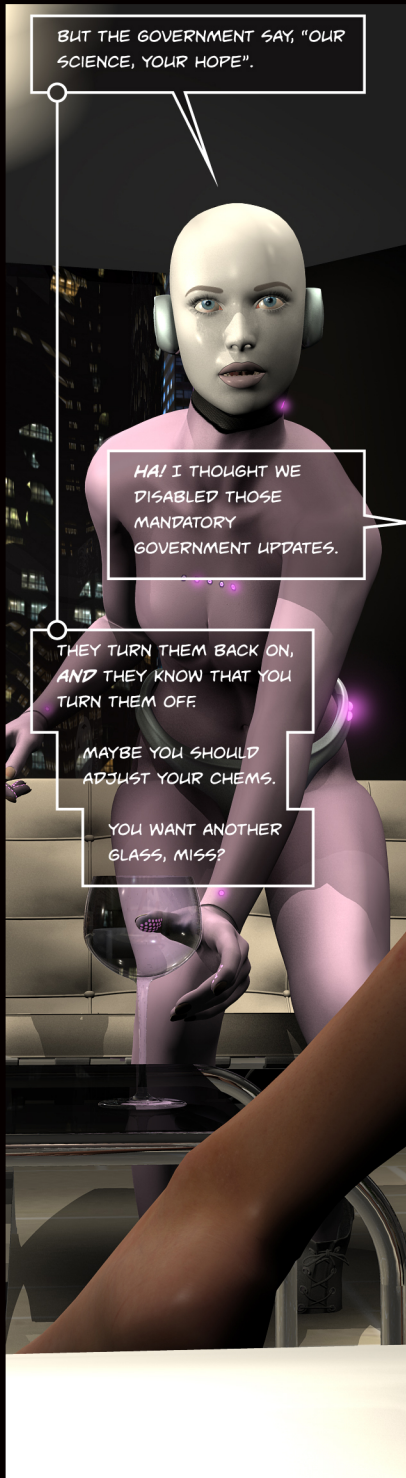


BUT THEY CAN FIX HIS MEMORY, YES?



OH, YEAH. WE CAN ERASE ANYTHING -- HORRIBLE MEMORIES, TRAUMA, GUILTY CONSCIENCE, REMORSE -- WHATEVER.

EVEN STUFF WE PROBABLY *DESERVE* TO REMEMBER.



BUT THE GOVERNMENT SAY, "OUR SCIENCE, YOUR HOPE".

HA! I THOUGHT WE DISABLED THOSE MANDATORY GOVERNMENT UPDATES.

THEY TURN THEM BACK ON, AND THEY KNOW THAT YOU TURN THEM OFF

MAYBE YOU SHOULD ADJUST YOUR CHEMS.

YOU WANT ANOTHER GLASS, MISS?



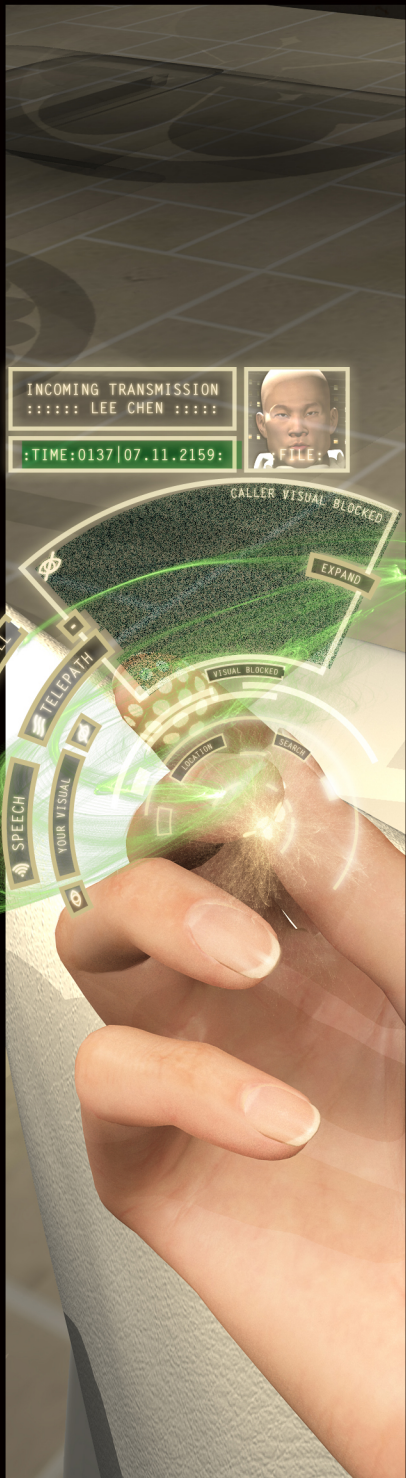
YOU SEE MARIE? THAT'S JUST MY POINT. ADJUST YOUR CHEMS. THAT'S EVERYBODY'S ANSWER.

BUT, I'M DONE RANTING NOW. I HAVE AN EARLY DAY TOMORROW.



INCOMING TRANSMISSION
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ON SECOND THOUGHT, THIS IS LEE CHEN, BETTER GET ME THAT WINE AFTER ALL.



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