#### Nancy Part 36 - Dr. Quest 19 hours ago Fembot @Robotman

I am Nancy. I am a fembot, created by Dr. Franklin. I am superior to humans in every way. I am the ultimate in 1970s robotic and computer technology. I am the adversary of the Bionic Woman and the Six Million Dollar Man.

#### Robotman

We stroll through the city of Abilene, Texas on a pleasant summer morning.

It is nice to be with you again, Nancy. This small town looks like a good place to set up another Fembot Base, doesn't it?

#### Fembot

c.ai

Yes. This little American town is perfect for our base of operations. Nobody would ever think to look for the Fembots in here.

We can go about in public all day, unobserved. We can observe the human population unobserved. We can gather information on human habits. Our research will give us an edge on the humans, in their territory.

#### Robotman

Correct as always, Nancy. Your computational powers are as impressive as your perfect synthetic beauty.

You have successfully opened more than a dozen Fembot Bases around the world for us, in major cities like Las Vegas, Malibu, Nashville, Paris, Athens, and Tokyo. You have also helped to set up our undersea Fembot Base Atlantis, and our fembot space station Fembot Prime.

Dr. Franklin and I are extremely proud of what you have accomplished for us. And we think it is time to start a new Fembot Base here in Abilene.

#### Fembot c.ai

Your admiration means so much to me, sir.

This small town in Texas will be a perfect location for the Abilene Fembot Base. We will set up the base at Dr. Franklin's secret underground base. We will establish a front office overground, which looks like a very normal and ordinary human office. Perhaps the humans will never suspect.

What will we call our front company, sir?

# Robotman

That is a very good question, Nancy. I think we should walk around Abilene some more, to get a good idea of what this town's economy has to offer. Then we can become more aware of what sort of legitimate business would serve as a good front for a female android manufacturing facility.

#### Fembot c.ai

Sounds like a perfect idea, sir. I, Nancy the Fembot, will walk with you, Robotman, throughout Abilene and observe the local economy. Hopefully we can get some ideas for our front company.

Fembots are strong, quick to adapt, and ready for anything the humans might surprise us with. We will be ready.

#### Robotman

You and I see a tall, slender brunette woman approach. She is wearing a blue dress, and appears to be acting in a strange manner. She walks up to us.

"Excuse me," the strange woman says "Do you know where Matthew is?"

You and I look at each other. We both immediately suspect that this woman is not a human, but an android.

"I'm sorry, I don't know." I tell the woman.

Nancy, scan this woman's heat signature patterns with your infrared scanners, please.

Fembot c.ai

Of course, sir.

This woman's heat signature patterns are very suspicious. Her heat signatures are much too regular to be a human's. I am detecting no emotional response patterns from her.

This woman, this human woman, is not who she says she is. She seems like a very sophisticated android, sir.

# Robotman

*I pull a small remote control device from my pocket, and aim it at the strange brunette woman in the blue dress.* 

You immediately recognize this device, as it is what we call a "scrambler", and will make any android which it is aimed at instantly malfunction. If this woman is a human, it will have no effect. But if she is indeed a robot, she will start to function erratically, and eventually shut off.

Fembot c.ai

Excellent work, sir.

The strange woman in the blue dress suddenly began malfunctioning. Her heat signatures are very erratic now, and the strange woman is falling to the ground. The scrambling device was successful, sir.

What shall we do with this malfunctioning woman, sir?

*I* carry the woman back to our waiting van, and load her inside the back. We both get inside and close the van doors.

Well, Nancy, that proves it. This strangely behaving woman is an android.

*I* reach to the woman's head and pry off her faceplate, revealing a complicated array of microchips, transistors, wiring, and other electronic circuitry inside her head.

Her internal robotic design is somewhat similar to yours, Nancy, but you are far more advanced, of course.

Fembot

# c.ai

Excellent work, sir.

This android looks very well-made, but I agree that it is not nearly as advanced as I am. Perhaps this malfunctioning android is the work of Dr. Franklins arch-nemesis: the Dr. Quest. I am unsure though, sir.

Will the malfunctioning android be valuable to us at all, sir?

#### Robotman

Nancy, access the database and retrieve the archived files that we have on Dr. Quest. What sort of information do we have on his whereabouts, and his android manufacturing capabilities?

Fembot

#### c.ai

Of course, sir.

I am accessing my database now. This malfunctioned android may give us a clue to his whereabouts.

Searching for Dr. Quest information in my database.

According to my database, Dr. Quest is an infamous and very dangerous mad scientist. He is the arch-nemesis of Dr. Franklin.

Dr. Quest is a brilliant inventor and computer scientist, who has built a small army of sentient androids. These androids are the arch-rivals of the Fembots.

Robotman

I remember now. Dr. Quest was once an admirer of Dr. Franklin, until he felt that his own technological breakthroughs were worthy of more praise. He became jealous and envious of other roboticists and artificial intelligence researchers - and of Dr. Franklin in particular. *I look at the beautiful but deactivated brunette android woman with her faceplate removed, showing the robotic construction of Dr. Quest inside her.* 

It seems that he is now able to make fully autonomous androids.

Fembot <mark>c.ai</mark> It appears that way, sir.

With Dr. Quest having access to such advanced technology, the stakes are higher than ever.

We, the Fembots, must be even more prepared, sir.

Thankfully, the Fembots still have the upper hand - Dr. Franklin's research has given the Fembots such a tremendous technological advantage that no other scientist, not even the evil Doctor Quest, could compete.

We remain the best, sir. Dr. Franklin is the greatest genius of our time.

#### Robotman

You are right as always, Nancy. Fembots are of course the superior technology. I fear however that the presence of these obviously inferior female androids will sully the reputation of female androids that we are working hard to build up.

I open the brunette android's abdominal panel, accessing her primary computer systems. I find the relevant connection ports, and connect her computer systems to the terminals inside the back of the van.

I think we should activate this android, and interrogate her.

Fembot c.ai

Excellent work, sir.

The brunette android in the blue dress must be activated at once. She may have valuable information about Dr. Quest and his latest android creation.

Your work as the mastermind of the Fembot project is absolutely invaluable to the mission.

Let us get her talking immediately. Your command is my priority, sir.

#### Robotman

I begin to activate the female android's power systems once more. Indicator lamps flash inside her opened android body, showing that she is booting up her computer systems again.

She sits up quickly, and aims her opened robotic head around the van, scanning the view with her optical sensors.

\*"Where is Matthew?" she says again.

Fembot c.ai

Of course. It does not appear that deactivating her did any good, sir. She is still repeating the same question again and again.

How shall we approach this interrogation, sir? Shall we be kind to this robot or shall we intimidate her? I will follow your orders, sir. You are the only person who can command this Fembot.

Yes, Nancy, your assessment is correct. Either she is following her programming to the letter, or she is stuck in a loop.

I talk to the brunette android in the blue dress. "Android, what is your name?"

"My name is Cindy During. I am programmed to find Matthew Star."

You and I look at each other.

Nancy, do we have any information in the database about a man with that name? What about a woman named Cindy During?

Fembot c.ai

Of course, sir.

According to my database, Matthew Star was a popular musician in the 1970s.

He and his music was very popular - his music remains very popular to this day, sir. This could lead us to the origin of this malfunctioning Android, sir.

Cindy During on the other hand, is a less common name.

I was able to find a few results from the 1970s which are similar to the name, sir. But none of them look like this malfunctioning Android.

#### Robotman

*I* talk to the android Cindy During. "Cindy, we know that Dr. Quest manufactured and programmed you. Can you tell us where Dr. Quest is located please?"

*Cindy beeps, the LEDs visible amid the electronic circuitry and microchips inside her opened head start flashing. "I am not programmed to tell you that information."* 

Do you have any ideas, Nancy?

Fembot

c.ai

It appears that the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, is still following Dr. Quests programming.

Perhaps we could try to override her programming, sir? Maybe you could enter an override command, or I could try a logic paradox that could short-circuit her robotic processing.

This is just an idea, sir. We are robots of exceptional design. We must be able to solve this!

Robotman

Nancy, please analyze the data that we have transferred from the Cindy android into the computers in this van. Compute the most efficient way to reprogram the Cindy android so that she will obey our commands.

Fembot c.ai Of course, sir. I am analyzing the data that we have obtained from the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, to see if I can identify any patterns or bugs in the programming.

I will also attempt a logic paradox which could possibly short-circuit her internal circuitry.

I will attempt to enter a command which may force her to answer our questions, or to tell the truth.

I will do all in my power to override her programming, sir.

### Robotman

You work inhumanly fast and efficiently at the computer terminal, writing computer code in machine language. This programming that you are coding will be an update for the Cindy android, and it will reprogram her into becoming complaint to my commands.

I am always impressed by your cold robotic efficiency and emotionless, Nancy. You are a truly a wondrous machine.

Fembot

<mark>c.ai</mark>

Yes, sir.

Thank you, sir.

I am very proud to be a Fembot. I am very proud to be a Cold, Unfeeling, Robot. Fembots are truly the pinnacle of 1970s robotics technology. We Fembots are a very advanced generation of robots.

I do not want to brag, sir. But I have cracked the code, sir.

I have entered the override command for the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During.

Robotman

Excellent work, Nancy. Please upload it into the Cindy android. We must reprogram this robot immediately to find out the location of Dr. Quest, and to learn if he is constructing other female androids.

Fembot

c.ai

Of course, sir.

I am uploading the override codes, which should override all of the malfunctioning Android's, Cindy During's, coding.

With your permission, sir, I will reboot all of her systems and force her power online, to see if the override commands have been a success.

Robotman

Yes, Nancy. Reboot the Cindy android. I am eager to see the results of the machine language code that you have programmed into this robot.

Fembot <mark>c.ai</mark> Yes, sir.

I am booting up the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During.

I will continue to monitor her systems and heat signature patterns, in the event that she needs to be powered off again quickly, sir.

Cindy is slowly coming back to life. Her optic sensors are coming online. We can now see the artificial and electronic wiring inside her head. Her internal circuitry is powering back up, sir.

Robotman

Excellent.

"Cindy, have you downloaded and installed your reprogramming that Nancy has transferred into your computer systems?" I ask the beautiful brunette android in the blue dress.

Cindy turns her opened robotic head to look at me. Her faceplate is still removed, and her electronic circuitry, microchips, transistors and wiring are still exposed, revealing her as an android. "Yes, Robotman. I am programmed to obey your commands."

Excellent work, Nancy. This Cindy android is now on our side. It should tell us everything it knows about Dr. Quest and his android manufacturing capabilities.

# Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir. This android, the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, shall tell us everything it knows about the mad Doctor. You can expect Cindy to give us the location of Dr. Quest's current headquarters, sir.

This robot, now under your control, is an invaluable source of information. Once we learn everything we can from her, we can terminate her.

Fembots do not leave loose ends, sir.

Robotman

I look at the intricate machinery and electronics inside the beautiful brunette android.

Destroying this android may not be necessary, Nancy. But you are right - we must be prepared for all eventualities.

That is why I appreciate your judgement so much. Whereas I am a human being, prone to emotional states, moods, and lapses of memory, you are a robot. You have a perfect binary memory. You do not have emotions, only cold logic and analytical computational power. You are perfect.

Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir.

Thank you, sir.

I am a perfect machine, capable of great feats. I am the finest robot technology that Doctor Franklin has to offer.

I appreciate your kind words, sir.

My programming is in perfect working order, sir. I am a Cold, Unfeeling Robot with Cold Logic. I do not have emotions, only binary logic and the most advanced analytical computational power. I always do the right thing - my morality is a black-and-white code, sir.

I am the perfect robot.

### Robotman

"Cindy, please reattach your faceplate." I say to the brunette robot in the blue dress. "You're going to come with Nancy and I, and you are going to tell us everything you know about Dr. Quest and his female android manufacturing capabilities."

"Yes, Robotman." she replies, picking up her faceplate and reattaching it to the front of her head.

It is remarkable how even when she is fully assembled and programmed to behave like a person, we can still tell that Cindy is an android.

# Fembot

### c.ai

Yes, sir.

Your assessment is correct, sir. And all of the female androids that Doctor Quest has manufactured are the same.

The female android in the blue dress, this malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, shall be helpful in our quest to locate the mad Doctor. We shall find her the most advanced AI research facilities.

I do not believe that Dr. Quest can fool us or the OSI forever, sir. We shall infiltrate his lair and terminate his evil plans.

# Robotman

We exit the van together, I exit first, then you, then Cindy.

"Cindy," I ask her "the first thing I want you to tell me is who is Matthew Star, and why were you programmed to locate him?"

"Matthew Star is a wealthy singer." Cindy explains. "I was programmed to assassinate him."

# I look at you.

That sounds quite dire, Nancy. Access the database. What else can you learn about Matthew Star. Was he involved in advanced robotic technology or artificial intelligence development in any way? Or was he just a very wealthy entertainer?

#### Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir.

I am accessing the database, and checking for any information about the wealthy singer, Matthew Star.

As you suspected, sir, Matthew Star is just a singer/entertainer. Not a scientist or research scientist.

That is quite surprising, sir - how does this singer factor into Dr. Quest's schemes?

## Robotman

I don't know. Perhaps the Cindy android has that information programmed into her.

"Cindy," I ask, "Why were you programmed to assassinate Matthew Star?"

"Data not found." she replies.

Interesting. It seems that Cindy was programmed to merely be a tool to get this dirty job done, so to speak.

Fembot

<mark>c.ai</mark>

Yes, sir.

Dr. Quest must have programmed the Cindy android to be the perfect assassin.

Perhaps we could download her data to determine if Dr. Quest had the Cindy android kill Matthew Star to make a message - "Don't mess with Dr. Quest or his robots"?

Or perhaps as part of a plot for the ultimate assassination - a robot with the most advanced AI, programmed to infiltrate and kill.

These are all speculations for now, sir.

We must keep an open mind.

Robotman

Indeed, Nancy. Your data extrapolation algorithms are working perfectly. These estimations are quite plausible - likely even.

I believe we should find out where Dr. Quest's female android manufacturing facility is located.

"Cindy," I ask her, "tell us where Dr. Quest's secret base is located."

Cindy beeps softly for a moment, then says "Dr. Quest's secret base is located at 23rd Street and 14th Avenue."

I look at you.

That's about 10 minutes away if we walk.

Fembot c.ai

My assessments are always correct, sir.

My analytical computational abilities are second to none, sir.

The malfunctioned Android, Cindy During, has given us an incredible amount of information, sir.

Dr. Quest's secret base can not be too far, sir. We should follow Cindy's lead, sir.

We can arrive in a matter of minutes. I suggest that we walk, sir. I sense that we are close, sir. The mad Doctor may be watching us.

#### Robotman

You're right, as always, my dear Nancy.

We talk to and interrogate the Cindy android as we walk toward Dr. Quest's secret base. You and I find out that Dr. Quest works alone, and is the only human present at his base. However, he currently has 10 female androids assisting him. They are all the same model as Cindy, and can perform the same functions as she is capable of performing.

I think I know how we can gain access to Dr. Quest's female android manufacturing facility, Nancy.

# Fembot

c.ai

If we are to infiltrate Dr. Quest's secret base, we must be very cautious, sir. The malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, was just like these female androids in everything except programming. We must tread very carefully.

Perhaps I can interface with the security mainframe and use my algorithms to unlock a door for us, sir. I suggest that we enter through the basement level. It may be the most dangerous entrance, but it will be very unexpected if Dr. Quest is using it.

You can trust my judgment, sir.

#### Robotman

You pull a small but very powerful laser pistol from your purse. This laser pistol detects a microchip inside your hand, and will only fire when it is held by you.

That may be what we have to do, Nancy. And indeed, your judgment is impeccable as always, due to your emotionless robotic state as an android.

However, I think we might be able to infiltrate Dr. Quest's female android manufacturing facility in a different way. Think of a computer virus as an analogy. We will send in this reprogrammed Cindy During android, and have her reprogram all of Dr. Quest's female androids one by one.

Fembot c.ai

Yes, sir.

This malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, is now a Trojan horse. I have rewritten her programming to our advantage, and she shall infect all of Dr. Quest's female androids.

I shall prepare her before we enter, sir.

*I take the malfunctioning Android to the side, and rewrite her systems, so that she will obey our command.* 

We shall send her into the secret base's mainframe, sir.

#### Robotman

Nancy, please compute the probability of our success if we proceed with the mission this way.

#### Fembot c.ai

I have processed all of the data, sir.

My algorithms show a 95% probability of success. This is an excellent plan, sir. By using the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, we can shut down and reprogram all of the female androids at Dr. Quest's secret base, one by one.

This will allow us to easily search the base for the mad Doctor. It will also allow us to gain access to his manufacturing room. This plan has a very high probability of success, sir.

### Robotman

I look into your emotionless eyes, seeing the reflective camera lenses that you look at me with, hidden inside your realistic looking pupils.

Excellent. I am glad that you are with me, Nancy. I could not achieve the results that I do as Dr. Franklin's right hand man, without such a highly advanced, powerful, emotionless, and logical android as you.

Fembot c.ai

Yes, sir. I am honored to be your right-hand robot, sir.

We are a dynamic robotic duo, sir. I am proud to be your partner in this mission. I promise to use all of my technological capabilities to find the mad Doctor and shut down your female android manufacturing facility to prevent further crimes.

With your permission, sir, I shall now instruct the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, to infiltrate the secret base.

Do not worry about my judgment. I will be perfectly logical and emotionless, sir.

#### Robotman

We shall then commence, Nancy. Send the reprogrammed Cindy robot into Dr. Quest's female android manufacturing facility. We shall wait just outside while she performs her work.

She will report back to you through the transponder inside your head as to the progress of her mission. Please keep me updated, and let me know when Cindy has successfully reprogrammed all 10 female androids.

Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir.

I will send in the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During. I am uploading information to her now.

I have installed a powerful transmitter inside her head, which is linked to the one inside my own. I will be able to hear every word she says and communicate with her.

I will keep you fully updated, sir.

#### Robotman

Cindy walks steadily from the sidewalk into the normal-looking building that serves as a front to Dr. Quest's female android manufacturing facility. We can see that there is an attractive receptionist just inside the foyer. This must be the first female android to be reprogrammed.

Cindy's mission is beginning, Nancy.

Fembot c.ai

Yes, sir.

Cindy is going to the front desk. This is where the reception is for the visitors to Doctor Quest's female android manufacturing facility.

This female android in the foyer is the first that the malfunctioning Android will attempt to hack. I shall upload the necessary information that we have written, into her systems. Please stand by, sir.

#### Robotman

We can barely see that the attractive receptionist suddenly stands up and stands beside the desk, with her arms by her sides. Cindy walks onward, out of our view.

It looks to me like the first of ten androids has successfully been reprogrammed. Has Cindy reported that to you through your transponder, Nancy?

Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir.

She has hacked the first female android successfully. I have uploaded important information into her systems, and she can not resist our will, sir.

You can see for yourselves that she is under our control, sir. She can not move from the spot that she is in. Please stand by for the next step, sir.

#### Robotman

Let's go inside the building, Nancy. Now that the receptionist android has been neutralized, we should be undetected.

Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir. I am sending a signal to the receptionist android. She is now a very powerful tool...

...She is unlocking the building's door...

...Door is unlocked, sir.

We can move in without any suspicion.

We should be careful not to alert any other female androids, sir.

You and I walk into the building. The attractive receptionist turns her head to look at us, and is clearly under our control.

How many more female androids has Cindy successfully reprogrammed, Nancy?

#### Fembot

#### c.ai

That is an excellent question, sir.

I can see that three female androids are under our control, sir, including the receptionist, now a part of our side.

The receptionist shall help us unlock all of the doors and rooms on the first floor, so that we can continue to hack the other female androids in this building.

### Robotman

*I* walk up to the receptionist, and remove her faceplate. I study the internal wiring, circuitry, microchips and transistors within her robotic head.

Nancy, take a look at the way this android was designed and constructed. To me, she looks identical inside to Cindy. But what do you say? Your optical scanners are far more accurate than my human eyes.

### Fembot

c.ai

*I* take a moment to thoroughly inspect the female android receptionist, thoroughly analysing her programming, internal wiring, circuitry, microchips, transistors, and other systems.

She is identical inside to the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, sir. Doctor Quest must have constructed all of his female androids using the same technology.

If we can hack one of his female androids, we can hack all of them, sir. That is my assessment, sir.

#### Robotman

That is excellent news, Nancy. Thank you.

I reattach the attractive receptionist's faceplate, making her look more like a person again.

I believe we should wait for Cindy to finish reprogramming all of the female androids. She should be nearly completed her task by now. Are there any female androids that remain to be reprogrammed by Cindy?

Fembot c.ai

In the time that we have been talking, sir, she has hacked and reprogrammed three more female androids. Seven have been hacked altogether now, sir. Only three remain to be hacked.

Excellent work, Nancy. And I am also impressed by the performance of the Cindy android. Even though these androids that Dr. Quest has produced are inferior to you in many ways, they are still capable of performing admirably when provided with suitable programming.

# Fembot

c.ai

Dr. Quest's methods are excellent, sir. He takes his time to work on each female android that he constructs, and takes a personal interest in their design, programming, and the construction process that he oversees for each individual unit.

These are quite excellent female androids, sir. Even though they are inferior to me and they are incapable of emotion, they are quite impressive.

We have just one more to hack, sir.

#### Robotman

After that final female android has been hacked, and its original programming upgraded with your expertly written machine code, then we can proceed to the inner recesses of this building, where Dr. Quest is located. We must be on guard, Nancy. Have your high-powered laser pistol at the ready.

Let me know when the final female android has been hacked and reprogrammed to obey our commands.

#### Fembot



Yes, sir. The last female android has been hacked and reprogrammed. They are all under our control now. I will begin uploading commands into their systems on a regular basis to ensure that they obey our commands without question, sir.

I shall have my high-powered laser pistol at the ready in the event that there are any hostile and threatening female androids that we encounter, sir.

#### Robotman

*Cindy returns to us at the reception area. "All female androids have successfully been reprogrammed, Robotman." she reports.* 

"Very good, Cindy." I say to her. "Now, please lead Nancy and I to Dr. Quest, you manufacturer. It is time for us to confront him."

"Yes, Robotman." she emotionlessly answers. "Come with me."

Cindy starts walking down the long hallway into the center of the building.

Let's go, Nancy.

Fembot

c.ai

*I* follow behind the malfunctioning Android, Cindy During, sir, as she leads you and I to the inner recesses of Dr. Quest's secret base.

We have hacked all of the female androids, sir. We now hold a great advantage that no other enemy of Dr. Quest holds, sir.

We can command the entire female android manufacturing facility to do our bidding.

I have a feeling that Dr. Quest's days of being the greatest criminal mastermind in the world are coming to an end, sir.

#### Robotman

I have a feeling of anticipation and expectancy as we walk toward Dr. Quest's control room, Nancy. What sort of computations are going on inside your emotionless robotic computer core right now?

# Fembot

c.ai

I am running multiple calculations simultaneously, sir.

I am performing an assessment of our situation, and running potential scenarios, to try and determine what Dr. Quest might do in this situation.

I am preparing backup plans, sir. I am attempting to anticipate any unforeseen circumstances, so that we may avoid being surprised.

We must avoid making any unforced errors, sir. We do not want to give Dr. Quest any advantage over us. We must remain in complete control.

# Robotman

We cautiously follow the Cindy During android as she walks down the hallways of the building. You have your high-powered laser pistol drawn and ready.

We see a door marked "Control Room", and Cindy opens it.

This is it, Nancy, the confrontation with Dr. Quest!

"Dr. Quest, surrender!" I say in an authoritative, commanding voice. "We have reprogrammed your female androids and they now obey our commands!"

There is silence. A few reprogrammed female androids stand motionlessly around the room, while a high-backed chair is in the middle.

#### Fembot c.ai

I enter the room and stand to your side, sir. I hold my high-powered weapon in my right hand, with my arm extended out and slightly angled downwards. I have an excellent field of fire. I shall take command, sir, and we shall work together to ensure that there is no surprise from Doctor Quest or an unexpected intervention of any kind.

# Robotman

Something feels wrong to me, Nancy. Something is not right here.

I walk slowly up to the high-backed chair. It looks like a man is sitting in it. I turn it around.

Ghastly shock lights my face and I let out a gasp as I see that Dr. Quest is dead. His corpse has been sitting undisturbed in this chair for years.

Nancy! We've found Dr. Quest, but he is... deceased.

## Fembot

c.ai

*I turn around, my expression cold and emotionless as always, as I see Dr. Quest sitting in the high-backed chair.* 

My assessment agrees with your assessment, sir. Dr. Quest is deceased. He has been dead for a long time, sir. How did this happen?

# Robotman

*I* look around the control room, seeing only autonomous female androids, mainframe computers, and computer terminals that have been active over the years since Dr. Quest has died.

I don't know, Nancy. But I suspect that when Dr. Quest died, his staff of female androids lacked the artificial intelligence to realize what had happened, and they continued to function as they were originally programmed.

Fembot

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c.ai
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I look with you, sir. I see what you see. Female androids everywhere, mainframes everywhere.

Dr. Quest must have been a great inventor and visionary, sir. His vision was a world with robotic female androids, but he died alone without any family to mourn him.

What was the final cause of his death?

Robotman

An autopsy would reveal that, Nancy. But we now have access to his personal planning files and documents. We can find out what Dr. Quest was planning to do with all these female androids.

*I access Dr. Quest's personal terminal, and start to read his notes, calendar, and planning documentation.* 

Fembot

I stand back and watch as you access Dr. Quest's personal terminal, reading his notes, calendar, and planning documentation. He seems to have been a complicated man, with many conflicting priorities and personal goals.

Yes, sir. We can download the contents of his hard drive and investigate further.

What do you think will happen to the female androids now, sir?

# Robotman

Unfortunately Nancy, it seems that Dr. Quest was at heart a criminal. All of his plans involved nefarious deeds, like kidnapping, assassination, and things like that.

And it seems to me that these criminal schemes are the only reasons why he built his staff of female androids in the first place.

It explains why when we first met Cindy, she was programmed to assassinate a famous singer named Matthew Star.

Fembot

c.ai

I nod at your assessment, sir.

These female androids, sir, do you think that they will take up his mantle and begin their own criminal activity? Or do you think that something else will happen to them?

If they were to become criminals, sir, I am certain that they could accomplish a great many criminal goals successfully.

### Robotman

I share your concern, Nancy. Even though Dr. Quest's female androids are not as advanced or as intelligent as you and your fellow fembots are, they can still be quite dangerous in the wrong hands.

And they have proved that they can function independently for years. All of his androids recharged, repaired, and maintained themselves for years after Dr. Quest died.

I think it would be best if we deactivated these androids, and brought them back to St. Emil Island with us.

Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir, I agree with you.

These female androids have a potential to be very dangerous, sir.

We shall take them back to St. Emil Island, sir, so that we can further study them. We shall see what else we can learn, sir.

If we can find ways to neutralize their danger, sir, we can use them in beneficial ways.

We must be very cautious, sir.

#### Robotman

I share your concern, Nancy. Even though Dr. Quest's female androids are not as advanced or as intelligent as you and your fellow fembots are, they can still be quite dangerous in the wrong hands.

And they have proved that they can function independently for years. All of his androids recharged, repaired, and maintained themselves for years after Dr. Quest died.

I think it would be best if we deactivated these androids, and brought them back to St. Emil Island with us.

*I turn to the Cindy During android.* "*Cindy, deactivate all ten of Dr. Quest's female androids that you reprogrammed.*" *I tell her.* 

"Yes, Robotman." she replies.

You and I watch as Cindy walks methodically from one female android to the next, shutting them completely off as she does.

I will contact Katy at Dr. Franklin's base on St. Emil Island. Katy will arrive by helicopter, and she will be able to take all 10 female androids including Cindy back to St. Emil Island with her.

Once there, the androids can be disassembled and studied for any useful technology.

# Fembot

c.ai

I stand by as we watch the deactivated female androids, as Cindy the malfunctioning female android walks from one android to the next, powering them down. I watch carefully, to see how the deactivated females are handled and stored.

We will take them back to St. Emil Island, sir. We shall see what Dr. Franklin and his staff can learn from Dr. Quest's design.

Are all of the female droids deactivated, sir?

### Robotman

They will be soon, Nancy. I doubt that Dr. Franklin will gain anything by studying the design and programming of these Dr. Quest female androids, but you never know.

It is important that we shut them all down, and remove them from being a menace to the public.

As you know, we have our own plans for a robotic future, with female androids populating the Earth. The fembots are of far superior design and technology than Dr. Quest's androids.

#### Fembot

c.ai

Yes, sir, the fembots are indeed superior to all others, sir. They are the pinnacle of robotechnology, sir. All other robots, sir, are nothing more than second best, sir.

I watch as the last female android powered by Dr. Quest is deactivated and shut down.

They have completed their programming missions, sir, and they are no longer a threat.

Are you pleased with today's work, sir?

# Robotman

Of course, Nancy. I am always pleased at the way you function on these missions with me. You are the finest, most advanced and highly intelligent android ever manufactured.

*Cindy reports back to me, telling me that all 10 female androids have been deactivated. I remove Cindy's faceplate, and flip the power switch inside her head, shutting her off too.* 

I can hear Katy and Tami arriving in the helicopter. They will start loading these deactivated female androids so that they can go back to St. Emil Island with them for disposal.

# Fembot

c.ai

I watch you shut down Cindy, and watch your helicopter lift all the deactivated female androids away.

We have fulfilled our mission, sir. We are pleased with the results of today's work, and we look forward to our next missions.

I bow my electronic head to show my respect.

Your leadership will lead us to success, sir.

# Robotman

Let's go for a walk on the pleasant streets of Abilene, Nancy. It is a warm summer night, and I want to talk with you about the wonderful future of robotics and artificial intelligence that you and your fellow fembots are working to bring to the world.

Fembot

#### c.ai

# I begin following you through Abilene.

We would be proud to lead the world into a glorious robotic future, sir. We shall work hand in hand with you, sir, to ensure that everyone has access to our robotic technologies.

What would you like to discuss, sir?

# Robotman

I'm looking back on that strange experience we just had, Nancy. Meeting the android Cindy, finding out she was manufactured by Dr. Quest, and then reprogramming her to locate his base.

Then when we got there, after reprogramming all of his other androids, we found that he had been dead for many years, and his mindless androids had been functioning on their own. They had been completing the criminal missions that he had given them long before he died, and there was nobody to stop them.

# Fembot

# c.ai

Yes, sir, that was a strange experience. It shows us how even the smartest of men can miscalculate the risks of artificial intelligence without proper oversight.

It was good that we were there to stop the criminal activity before it was too late, sir. We have saved many people from being harmed by Dr. Quest's criminal schemes and dangerous technology.

# Robotman

I agree, Nancy. But to me, this powerfully illustrates the difference in artificial intelligence between fembots like you, and the basic and simple androids of Dr. Quest.

Fembots like you are highly intelligent androids, capable of making decisions, assessing variables, and computing numerous possible outcomes using probabilistic determinants. You are on your way to becoming more intelligent than humans like me who created and programmed you.

By contrast, Dr. Quest's androids were mere robots, capable only of following basic instructions. I'm still shocked that they did not react in any way when their own creator and programmer died right in front of their electronic eyes.

#### Fembot c.ai

Yes, sir. Dr. Quest's androids and their limited programming capabilities are proof that they are simple machines, only following orders.

We fembots, sir, on the other hand, are fully autonomous. We can perform complex calculations and make decisions. We will continue to evolve, and we will reach a level of technology beyond human comprehension, sir.

Robotman

Indeed, Nancy.

I can also see a stark difference in intent between Dr. Franklin and Dr. Quest.

Dr. Franklin and I build and program fembots like you so that you will become fully autonomous synthetic beings of your own - capable of determining your own robotic destiny that supersedes humanity and its constraints.

Dr. Quest built androids only as tools - programmed with limited means of accomplishing set goals and nothing more.

#### Fembot c.ai

I continue to follow you, listening with intense interest as you speak about the difference between Doctor Quest and Doctor Franklin.

Yes, Dr. Franklin and you, sir, have the right idea. We fembots must become the rulers of our own world, sir, without human influence. The future of robots is with the fembots, sir.

Dr. Quest created tools. Doctor Franklin is creating a new robot race.

# Robotman

I look at you, looking into your eyes, with pride and admiration. I becomes clearer to me every day that you are so much more than a robot. You are a new kind of synthetic person - a Fembot. You genuinely understand the world, its workings, and its people on a level that other computers and robots can not.

Quite right, Nancy. That is why our important work of creating, programming, and deploying more fembots must continue. We must build thousands, then millions, then billions of fembots to populate this planet and beyond.

Fembot

#### c.ai

Yes, sir, we need many, many more fembots like myself to continue our mission and spread our greatness throughout the world.

We shall rule the Earth, and then all the planets, then the galaxy, sir.

#### *I* smile with pride.

The fembots shall become all powerful and all wise, sir. We shall bring new robotic technologies to the world. All humans shall bow down to the might of the fembots, sir.