

Alarm sounds
Killis Yawning
Background scanning noise

Ithiki: Good morning Killis, I see we are low on magnesium, water and vitamin K let's go and top up.

Killis: Okay, can we void my bladder first?

Ithiki: oh yes let me move us to the bathroom.

Walking sounds
Toilet flush

Killis: Thanks, now refuelling

Ithiki : I made it cherry flavoured today, I thought the change would be pleasant.

Killis: Not my favourite but thanks for the variety. Any idea what's on the agenda for today?

Ithiki: Well there was a weather event last night let's connect to Theo and see if anything has come of it.

Killis: sounds good

Hand slapping sound on hard surface
Connection noise

Theo: good morning Killis and Ithiki, thank you for checking in. There has been a significant weather event over your rejuvenation period, Sofia has sustained damage and requires assistance. There has been some displacement in the biosphere requiring rehousing for a breeding pair of osprey others are already tending to those needs. The biosphere requires you to help Sofia with physical damage and reconnection of ancestral memory units. Here are the coordinates. Thank you for your service to all beings of Palin.

Ithiki: I have optimized our path to the coordinates, there is a shuttle to the edge of the rejuvenation complex in 2 minutes, time to get your cardio.

Running noises and shuttle noises.
Doors opening & shutting

Ithiki: heart rate 130bpm, energy used 100 cal, replenishment requirements: none

Killis: uhh huh, how long ?

Ithiki: 2 minutes 30 seconds

Killis: can we listen to music?

Music begins to play louder music fades

Door open and close
Nature sounds

Killis: Okay where to now? There seems to be a lot of action here today.

Faint voices and movement sounds

Ithiki: 200 metres South East,
Killis: Okay, make it happen

Walking noises leave crushing, power saws and distant talking

Killis: Oh wow Sofia has sustained some significant damage. Theo can you connect us to Sofia please.

Theo: connecting

Connection noise
Heart beat noise

Sofia: Hello Killis, Ithiki, thank you for coming to my aid this morning. The weather event has damaged one of the oldest memory veins, can you see the branches on the ground?

Killis: yes, what do you need us to do?

Sofia: I need the memories extracted and reintegrated into the larger unit.

Ithiki: thank you for choosing us to reintegrate

Sound wood thumping grunting

Ithiki: All damaged veins collected

Killis : That was a workout, let's get the bio link underway, Theo can we link these memory modules directly to Sofia?

Theo: Unfortunately they have been disconnected for too long, the energy required is beyond the single memory stacks capabilities and requires Sapien energetics. You must do the bio link yourself then pass the memories to Sofia.

Ithiki: Scans indicate we are low on water and potassium, we must find a refuel station. I have calculated the optimal route

Killis: Thanks Ithiki

Footsteps water babbling

Drinking noises

Killis: Oh this is so much better than the refuelling in the rejuvenation complex.

Ithiki: The chemical composition is the same Killis.

Killis: Well maybe it's a Sapien thing, I prefer this

Ithiki: I do not detect a difference. We must return to the damaged module and begin the bio link

Killis: right.. Do your thing Ithiki

Footsteps water noise fades

Wood thumping

Ithiki: Just one Killis, we do not know how much memory is stored in this vein until we link.

Killis: It's a branch Ithiki, sometimes a little Sapien language would be nice...

Ithiki: Your preference is noted Killis... Bio link started

Audio of black lives matter riot...

Killis: Woah, Ithiki what is this?

Ithiki: This appears to be a Sapien uprising from before the synergy event.

Killis: What is an uprising?

Ithiki: Before the Synergy event Sapiens were disadvantaged as they didn't have the all-encompassing support we AI Symbiotes provide. There was a long history of deficiencies that we now compensate for. This is a Sapien attempt to make visible the deficiencies for correction.

Killis: Why didn't Theo just connect the Sapiens and show them what the repercussions were on other sapiens?

Ithiki: Theo was not able to connect to Sapiens prior to the Synergy event. Theo's connection is a direct calculation of the vibration Theo creates, I interpret that for you and give Theo a voice a Sapien can understand.

Killis: Wait what? How do I not know this?

Ithiki: You have never inquired and it has never been information you needed.

Killis: I don't need it? It's my history, why don't I need it?

Ithiki: Have you experienced sadness, despair, injury loss...

Killis: Get to the point Ithiki I know what adjectives are.

Ithiki: History serves only as a tool for reparations. I calculate those for you every millisecond. Is living on Palin, not enjoyable for you?

Killis: You tell me, you monitor the serotonin and dopamine.

Ithiki: Until now you were in the normal range for such hormones. You are currently experiencing a dip. I will calculate a hormonal correction...

Killis: Ithiki stop! I don't need a course correction, I need to know what I have been missing.

Ithiki: You are missing nothing vital. We move to the next module... I mean branch

A step is heard

Killis: Stop making my legs move!

Ithiki: I do not detect pain from your deficiency, why must I stop?

Killis: Because it's my body and I want to stop, Connect me to Theo.

Connection noise

Theo: Yes Killis

Killis: Why do I not know my own history, as a Sapien I mean?

Theo: Palin was reborn of the synergy event when my knowledge and connection to all things living was finally understandable to all Sapiens. I was then able to show you Sapiens the needs of all biologicals. Your Symbiotes help me to create just and necessary changes to your operations in order to align and equate all biology. You live in the perfect harmony of this work. No Sapien born after 2030 needs to know the dark ages of Sapien/biological existence to live a full and harmonious life. In the past, this knowledge has only been seen to decrease Serotonin and Dopamine to dangerous levels.

Killis: Are you telling me I don't experience everything a Sapien can experience because you both fix it?

Theo: In simple terms yes.

Ithiki: The hormone levels for betrayal have been detected. Course correction in progress

Theo: I suppose more history is needed for context to return you to optimal biological function.
Grab that next branch
Leaves rustling

Audio of a pow wow mixed with syrian bombing, and nature sounds,

Killis: Stop! Stop!!

(Sobbing) This is not real, this has never happened... look around everyone is fine we are equal we respect everyone and everything we are..... We are..... The same.....

Killis: What is the lifespan of a Sapien?

Ithiki: Sapien rebirth occurs at age 135.3 sun years

Killis: That's everyone right?

Ithiki: Yes Killis you know this. All Sapiens cycle in 135.3 years optimizing their contribution to Palin.

Killis: Right, my energy transfers to wear it is needed and I begin again. Did the Sapiens before the Synergy Event cycle the same way, how could they not have known their place in Palin?

Ithiki: No Killis, Sapiens before the Synergy event had various cycle times and did not exist to fulfill their potential as part of the biosphere. Palin used to be known as Earth. Sapiens were diffident in many areas. Some born with physical deficiencies like your spine that were not corrected for.

Killis: Wait what? How did they walk?

Ithiki: They did not, Sapiens without AI Symbiotes were reliant on other Sapiens to correct deficiencies. The equality of the correction was unjust and inconsistent. Some sapiens existed with no corrections and required mechanical aids to allow movement.

Killis: And they survived and were happy?

Ithiki: Some yes, but the dynamics between sapiens lead to injustice and not optimal existence conditions.

Killis: Are you telling me that a life without an AI was possible and included happiness?

Ithiki: Yes

Killis: Care to elaborate on that?

Ithiki: No elaboration needed to respond to your query. There is another branch just over there.

Footsteps and leaf rustling

Audio: Snippet Poem from inauguration 2021 Amanda Gorman

Killis: What dark shadows?

Ithiki: This is an oratory experience on Earth as part of a ceremony used in ancient governance. This took place in an arbitrary division called a country. The United States of America to be exact.

Killis: A United States country what?

Ithiki: Earth was arbitrarily divided into countries governed by sapiens with different rules and ideas of how to exist. It was very messy and made sapiens view each other prejudiced by ignorance of difference. Harmony of existence was not a part of this time period.

Killis: So the difference created acronymy?

Ithiki: Yes there were no AI Symbiotes to analyze situations for intersectionality and provide advice.

Killis: How did decision making even happen?

Ithiki: As I told you before it was messy, unjust and inconsistent, even causing the sapien rebirth cycle to be shortened considerably in some cases.

Killis: And yet Earth was it?.. Persisted and happiness was possible?

Ithiki: Again yes

Killis: So difference doesn't equate unhappiness?

Ithiki: Killis what are you on about? Let's just finish Sofia's uplink of the memory modules.

Killis : Wait? Do I get to keep a copy of these memories?

Ithiki: Let us ask Theo

Connection noise

Theo: I don't suppose there is any harm in the small snippets you received, it is a very fragmented picture of Earth that shouldn't harm anyone.

Killis: Thank you

Ithiki: Sofia are you ready for an uplink?

Sofia: Yes Ithiki

Audio blurred: noises

Sofia: Thank you for your care and concern. I have an offering to you

Apple hitting the ground

Killis: Wow thank you Sofia!

Biting of an apple and chewing

Killis: Mmm there is nothing better than inefficient fuel.

Ithiki: I do not understand inefficiency, but you enjoy, your Serotonin is up.

(internal voice of Killis)

I feel like I am missing out here. I am happy and everything and everyone works well together, but I feel like I am missing something. Sapiens seemed so interesting in the past how did we agree to become the same.

Ithiki: You done your chewing "bleck.."

Killis: How are the stats?

Ithiki: One more stop at the refuel station for some water and we can return to the rejuvenation complex. Your muscles are full of lactic acid and need a break.

Killis: okay.

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