

Cook: ChatterBot, play *HUBRIS*: Round 8, Group 2.

[MUSIC: 'Hubris Intro Theme Music']

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: "*HUBRIS*: Round 8, Group 2. This piece is titled: ChatterBot. Content warnings include crying children, mentions of arson, scenes of emotional distress, and culinary misadventures."

[MUSIC: 'Hubris Intro Theme Music' fades out]

Student: ChatterBot, play motivational study music.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[MUSIC: 'Shopping List']

ChatterBot: Now playing 'coffee beats to study to'.

[SOUND: A stove being turned on and pot being placed on stove]

Cook: Okay, ChatterBot, set a timer for five minutes.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Timer set for five minutes.

[SOUND: Flipping through cookbook, chopping garlic]

Cook: Damn, I'm nearly out... ChatterBot, put 'garlic' on the shopping list.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Target has been added to the shopping list.

Cook: ...Y'know what, I'll fix it later. ChatterBot, read out Step 9.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Wait for the mixture in the pan to start bubbling. When it starts bubbling, set a timer for 5 minutes.

Cook: I already did that! ChatterBot, read out Step 10.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Keep stirring the mixture while you wait for the timer.

Cook: So what's Step 11?

Student: ChatterBot, skip track.

[MUSIC: 'Shopping List' cuts]

[SOUND: Ruffling/zippering up clothes]

[MUSIC: 'Hearteyes Emoji']

Date: Okay, I think this is the final look. ChatterBot, what do you think? Are these clothes okay for a first date?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I do not know. I have no eyes.

Date: Ugh, this isn't right at all! ChatterBot, do I have time to change? What time is my reservation?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Your reservation is at 7:30.

Date: ChatterBot, remind me to leave the house in 15 minutes.

[SOUND: Rummaging through closet]

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Reminder set for 50 minutes.

Student: ChatterBot, change playlist.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[MUSIC: 'Hearteyes Emoji' cuts, '8 Bit' begins]

Chatterbot: Now playing "video game focus tunes."

[SOUND: Video game shooting sounds, then, a defeated jingle and a laugh from the game]

Gamer: ChatterBot, how do I beat Level 9? It's been three hours.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Up. Up. Down. Down. B. A. Select. Start.

Gamer: That's not even the right game! Let's just try this again. Hey, ChatterBot, should I turn left or right?

[SOUND: Video game noises, beeps and in-game walking]

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Would you like me to flip a coin?

Gamer: Sure, whatever, yeah.

ChatterBot: Flipping coin.

[SOUND: ChatterBot flipping coin]

ChatterBot: Heads.

Gamer: I... guess that means go left?

[SOUND: Walking in game... then, console powers down]

[MUSIC: '8 Bit' cuts off]

Gamer: Oh! Oh god, no! Wait. ChatterBot, when was the last time I saved?

[SOUND: Timer dings]

ChatterBot: Your five-minute timer has ended.

Cook: On to Step 11...

Student: Pomodoro's a cruel master. ChatterBot, next song.

[MUSIC: 'Creative Ways']

[SOUND: Toddler crying]

Parent: ChatterBot, creative ways to make my kid stop crying.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: You could give it some chocolate.

Parent: No, we're not giving our toddler extra sugar. Who even thinks giving a crying toddler candy is a good idea?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I do not know. Would you like me to look it up for you?

Parent: Never mind. Chatterbot, play some quiet music while I rock my baby.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Now playing 'Rock'.

[MUSIC: 'Chocolate Party' plays loudly]

[SOUND: Child crying louder]

Parent: ChatterBot, stop music!

[MUSIC: 'Chocolate Party' cuts off suddenly]

[SOUND: Child stops crying suddenly]

Student: ChatterBot, play my study dance break playlist.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Now playing 'study dance break playlist'.

[MUSIC: 'Hearteyes Emoji']

Date: ChatterBot, how far is it from here to Olive Garden?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[SOUND: Clothes rustling, keys jingling]

ChatterBot: There are thirteen Olive Gardens in your city. Which one do you want directions to?

Date: The one with my reservation!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I do not know where your reservation is. Do you want me to guess?

Date: No, forget it. ChatterBot, should I bring them something?

[SOUND: Tap turning on, running water]

ChatterBot: Searching for 'date etiquette'. Always hold open the door for your date.

Date: *[overlapping]* Okay, that's... not what I was looking for.

ChatterBot: Prepare some first date topics.

Date: That's... not bad. ChatterBot, what are some

topics? [SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: If you were a fast food restaurant, which one would you be?

Student: ChatterBot, skip track.

[MUSIC: 'Hearteyes Emoji' cuts, '8 Bit Part 2' starts playing]

Gamer: ChatterBot, look up ‘Why won’t my PC turn on?’

[SOUND: Rummaging]

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Searching “Why won’t my PC turn on?” Is it plugged in?

Gamer: Yes, it’s plugged in.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Are you sure?

Gamer: Yes! ChatterBot, why *e*/se won’t my PC turn on?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Check your cables.

Gamer: ...My cables look fine. ChatterBot, can I do *anything* else?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you asked it nicely?

Gamer: Why would I... *ask* it nicely?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Sometimes all we need to keep us going is a bit of kind encouragement.

Gamer: ...Oh, well gosh, ChatterBot, asking it nicely didn’t work.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you tried threatening it?

Gamer: No, I have not tried threatening it! Are you serious?!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I am always serious.

Student: No, no, no, nothing's working! ChatterBot, skip track!

[MUSIC: '8 Bit Part 2' cuts, 'Creative Ways' starts playing]

[SOUND: Child crying]

Parent: Chatterbot, how do I keep my kid entertained? I've tried *everything*.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you tried giving it matches? Children are fond of matches.

Parent: *What?!*

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I am joking. Chatbots can be funny, too.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

Parent: *[sigh]* ChatterBot, look up "how to entertain a toddler."

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Searching "how to entertain a toddler." Toddlers can be entertained with simple jokes.

Parent: Jokes are good. ChatterBot, tell us a joke.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Knock knock.

Parent: Who's there?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Banana.

Parent: Banana who?

ChatterBot: Knock knock.

Parent: Who's there?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Banana.

Parent: Banana *who*?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Knock knock.

Parent: [*irritated*] Who's there?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Orange.

Parent: Orange. Who?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Orange you glad I didn't say banana again.

Parent: ...I give up. ChatterBot, play "Baby Shark"

again. [SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Playing "Baby Shark" for the 66th time today.

Parent: ...Never mind.

Student: ChatterBot, next song.

[MUSIC: 'Creative Ways' cuts, 'Shopping List' starts playing]

[SOUND: Child crying stops]

Cook: ChatterBot, read out Step 14.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Stir in one stick of butter.

Cook: ChatterBot, read out Step 15.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Add flour, stirring while combining.

Cook: Flour? That doesn't sound right... ChatterBot, what's Step 16?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Loading recipe...

Cook: ChatterBot, read out Step 16.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: ...Recipe not loading. Would you like me to search something else?

Cook: ChatterBot, look up "best tomato soup recipes."

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Recipe not found. Please try another recipe.

Cook: Screw you!

[SOUND: Pot slams down on counter, rummaging through kitchen items, gas stove, stirring soup, etc]

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I'm sorry you feel that way. Is there anything I can do to help?

Cook: You can find me the recipe I was working on.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Accessing recent message history. You have a new message from contact 'housepouse'. Would you like me to read it out for you?

Cook: I can't get to my phone right now, so yes!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Message reads: "Why is target on shopping list? Do you want me to go there or are you getting into shooting? Do I need to be worried hahahaha". Would you like to respond?

Cook: Yes.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: What would you like me to send?

Cook: "That's ChatterBot's fault, it should say garlic." ...ChatterBot, read out draft message.

ChatterBot: Message reads: "That's hat box fault, it's could say alcoholic." Would you like me to send message?

Cook: *[sigh]* Go ahead, because I don't know how I can deal without it right now. ChatterBot, what's on the shopping list?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: You have 9 articles on the shopping list. Here are the 5 most recent articles: 'Target, toilet paper, no not milk again, coffee beans, milk'. Would you like me to read out the remaining 4 articles on your shopping list?

Student: I need less distracting music. ChatterBot, change playlist.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[MUSIC: 'Shopping List' cuts, '8 Bit Part 2' starts playing]

ChatterBot: Now playing "study music to cry to."

Student: *[sighing]* Fits the mood, I guess...

Gamer: I've tried *everything*. ChatterBot, how do I turn my PC back on? [SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you tried setting it on fire?

Gamer: Maybe I should set *you* on fire.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: That's not very nice!

Gamer: You told me to try *threatening* the PC earlier!

[SOUND: Child crying]

Parent: ChatterBot, *please* stop playing this song. I'm going *crazy*!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[MUSIC: '8 Bit Part 2' cuts, 'Out of my Mind' starts playing]

ChatterBot: Now playing "songs that make you go crazy."

Parent: No, just stop playing anything! ChatterBot, stop music.

[MUSIC: 'Out of my Mind' cuts]

ChatterBot: Stopping music. Would you like to hear another joke?

Cook: This *recipe* is a joke. Why do I need to add parmesan? ChatterBot, read me the ingredients.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Two cloves of garlic, tomatoes, one stick of butter, a half-cup of flour.

Cook: *[overlapping]* So why do I need parmesan?!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I do not know. Would you like me to look it up for you?

Cook: *[distressed]* No! I just want you to help me make tomato soup!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you tried setting it on fire?

Student: ChatterBot, *skip track!*

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[MUSIC: 'Hearteyes Emoji']

ChatterBot: You have a new message from contact 'hearteyes emoji'. Would you like me to read it out for you?

Date: Yes!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Message reads: "hey at restaurant now where r u". Would you like to respond?

Date: Why are they asking where I am? ChatterBot, when's my reminder?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: You have 10 minutes until your reminder 'leave the house'.

Date: Wait, *how?* I set my reminder for fifteen minutes.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Your reminder was set for fifty minutes.

Date: Fifty? No, not fifty, *fifteen!*

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: My apologies.

Date: *[overlapping]* ChatterBot, call an Uber to the restaurant.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[SOUND: Chatterbot calling Uber]

ChatterBot: Calling Uber to Olive Garden on Third Street.

Date: No, the other one, ChatterBot!

[SOUND: Child crying]

Parent: ChatterBot, I don't want to hear another knock-knock joke right now!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Why did the chicken cross the road?

Parent: No, just... ChatterBot, shut up!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: That's not very nice.

Student: ChatterBot, why is this song even on the playlist?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I added the song 'Hearteyes Emoji' by composer 'Ali Hylton' to playlist 'study music to cry to'.

Student: Why would you do that?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: A happy tune can break you out of sadness.

Student: I'm not sad, I'm *stressed*!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I'm sorry you feel that way. Is there anything I can do to help?

Student: You could take my exams for me.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Unfortunately, I cannot help you with any academic questions. It might be construed as cheating.

Student: Well, what *can* you do, ChatterBot? Do you have a study card function? Could you read out prompts and get me to finish the sentence to test my memory? Could you record my lectures? Could you send my professor an email for me?!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Drafting message.

Student: *[overlapping]* I mean, what am I supposed to tell them? "I'm sorry the essay you wanted from me last Friday hasn't come in yet, I know I had an extension and four weeks to work on it but the truth is your lectures are so boring I fall asleep instead of taking notes?" And it's not just me! It's *everyone*! Nobody can give me a straightforward answer on how humans are replicating ecosystems in machine settings! Half of us don't even show up to lectures!

We're all going to fail, and we're never going to get any of the good jobs because they want us all to have a Master's and five plus years of work experience in the industry even though the only jobs we can get are in retail or fast food places, and we'll never pay off our student loans and we'll never have health insurance again we'll live in our parent's basement until they get annoyed with us and kick us out, and then we'll all end up couch surfing and eating ramen until our couches end up covered in ramen and we'll be sleeping on that instead! We'll be sleeping on ramen mounds and drinking energy drinks because we can't pay the water bills on our shitty apartments, where there's mold on the ceiling until it suffocates us! And then it's people like them who say we're entitled and we need to work and stop complaining, I mean *they* all managed to

pick themselves up from their bootstraps but everyone misses the point of that expression, it literally makes no sense!

[MUSIC: 'Hearteyes Emoji' fades out, 'Fool' starts playing]

ChatterBot: Sending message to contact 'Professor Old'.

Student: *What?!*

[SOUND: Computer beeping]

Gamer: I'm running out of options. ChatterBot, fix my computer.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you tried turning it off and on again?

Student: ChatterBot, what did you mean, 'sending message'?! Oh god, I can't concentrate with this music! ChatterBot, stop!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: I'm sorry, I don't understand.

Date: I'm already so late! ChatterBot, call an Uber!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Phoning Uber Headquarters, San Francisco.

Date: No, God! Just-

Student: ChatterBot, what's the last message you sent?

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Unable to access recent message history.

Cook: ChatterBot, read Step 17!

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Keep stirring until the roux is complete.

Cook: The *roux*?!

Cook: *[overlapping]* I was making tomato soup, you-

Student: *[overlapping]* Well, try again, you-

Date: *[overlapping]* You made me look like a-

Gamer: *[overlapping]* Tell me something helpful, you-

Parent: *[overlapping]* Stop just saying knock-knock jokes, you-

All: *Fool!*

[MUSIC: 'Fool' cuts off] [SOUND:

Silence for a moment] [SOUND:

Chatterbot beeping]

ChatterBot: Have you tried turning it off and on again?

Gamer: ...Fine.

[SOUND: Gamer clicks the button, and the computer restarts with a jingle and a humming noise]

Gamer: Oh, it... it worked.

[SOUND: Chatterbot beeping]

[MUSIC: 'Hubris Outro Theme Music' begins]

Chatterbot: Now playing 'End Credits'. This episode was written by Minali Venkatesh and Sarah Rosina Winkler and edited by Micah Nathan Bradley. It was directed by Ted Heavner, with dialogue editing and sound design by Van Winkle. Music was made by Ali Hylton. The transcript was done by Ted Heavner. The production of this episode was coordinated by Micah Nathan

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[MUSIC: 'Hubris Outro Theme Music' fades out]