

SLEEP_MODE_DEACTAVATED the first words Zoe Canwell saw every morning. RUNNING_DIAGNOSTIC, She tried to stay quite as the ticklish-tingling sensation exuded from her core and across her body. She let out a small yelp as the ghostly-millipede sensation reached her the soles of her feet and palms of her hands and stifled a giggle as it touched her toes and the tips of fingers BIOLOGICAL_HEALTH_96.2% TECHNOLOGICAL_MAINTENCE_100%. When she was young, the doctor had told Zoe that the diagnostic was necessary and she knew that was true but still hated the buzzing-crawling sensation. She realized that her health was still 92 percent

"I must still have a little bit of that cold" she said to herself. As the last of the sensation faded, Zoe opened her eyes a realized that that her sister Amanda was staring at her from her bed, she suddenly felt embarrassed for squealing before. Amanda was the least strange looking of the three other children the doctor adopted. She has raw wood brown hair and storm yellow eyes small antlers leaped from her head and a puffy tail like a combination of that of a dog and an elk. The puffy tail protruded just above her backside the skin on her feet was hard like hooves and her yellow tan skin was interrupted by stripe black stipe down her back.

"Don't look so embarrassed Zo-Zo I hear you squeak every day in used to it by now" Amanda said. As always her voice was like a combination of a singer ,birdsong and the wind it was beautiful in a way.

Zoe realized she was blushing "Sorry." she whisper "are the boys awake." Amanda looked thoughtful for a few seconds

"No," she finally answered "there breathing hasn't changed but the Doc is up" Zoe perked up it was rare for any of them to wake up at the same time as the doctor, he always got up just before dawn Zoe looked out the window it was light outside. She checked the time in her head it was 8:35 the doctor had gotten up late he would be rushing but it couldn't hurt to say Good morning she got out of bed "wanna say good morning?"

Amanda shrugged "why not" she then half jumped half climbed out of bed as they walked down the hard wood floor of the hall she listed to the CLOP, CLOP, CLOP of Amanda's foot falls "You know, you might wake up the boys." she said. They both laughed.

Darnell woke up to the Clop of his sister's foot steps he wondered why Amanda was up so early it was strange for her not to stay in bed till at least 9:00 he knew she was excited like he always knew such things but why. someone else was excited to it must have been Zoe. If they where both going down stairs this early the doctor must be awake he knew they must think he wouldn't wake up on time he never did but since he was awake he could sneak down stairs and scare them plus he would see the doctor which rarely happened until 7:30 at night he changed his scales from the sleepy-white they became while he snoozed to a vibrant green and steached. Darnell looked at his brother Jack his brother looked normal until you got to his arms they where blue and boneless they where about 10 feet long and could be extended much further he had two simmiler arms extending from his back. He decided his brother would want to see the doctor to he went to his brother and shook him he was thanked by a electric shock "What are you doing!?" Jack screeched sleeply Darnell felt his anger surging from him "Sorry

man” Darnell lamented. Jack loosed “Its ok lizard-face just tired” the anger faded “why’d you wake me up” “I think the doctors awake” Jack was almost shocked (Darell could feel it) are you gonna scare them” Jack ask Darnell laughed “ Of course I’m me” Darnell’s foot steps made no noise and by changing the color and texture of his scaly skin he could be come practically invisible. He enjoyed using this power to make people jump though he had a hard time doing this to Amanda her senses were better than most people HECK even most animals he had to consciously show his heart beat and hold his breath to even get close to her without her knowing. He began to focus on the environment of their room a scratching tingle engulfed his skin from the bottom of his feet to the tips of his hair like spikes on the top of his head. “You still here?” Jack asked Darnell knew that most people couldn’t see him or hear his breathing and even Amanda couldn’t hear his footsteps “NO” Darnell said half sarcastically as he began coating his toes and fingers the sticky substance that excreted from his tongue which was admittedly longer than average he began to climb up the wall. “I’m over the door lets go.”

Amanda’s head hurt. Her head always hurt because the world was so loud to her, but as always she paid it no mind. Amanda could hear her father bumbling around in the kitchen the pots clanking as her father rushed around trying to find what he needed to go to the lab today the pots ,his footsteps even his breathing all sounded like it was right in her head.

“What’s he doing?” her sister Zoe asked. Amanda had forgotten her sister was there she had been so lost in her own thoughts “ I think he is trying to get ready” she answered. “are you sure we should bother him?” her sister’s eyes glowed blue electric for a split second Amanda knew this happened whenever Zoe was thinking hard about something.

“Yes” she said “I want to talk to him about some glitches in my system ill try not to make it long, then me and Darnell will go pick up ice cream.” Amanda looked at her sister, she looked normal enough with her brown skin and nearly black hair straightened. she had a better figure than Amanda (which made Amanda slightly jealous) and didn’t have any odd protrusions coming from her head, Amanda touched her antler subconsciously. Her despite her semimechanical nature sister was soft to the touch her only give away that she wasn’t completely human was the color of her eyes, they changed depending on her mood and sometimes glowed Zoe said when they glowed it was hard to see which Amanda though made sense. Zoe and there brother Darnell were the only children who could leave the house on a regular bases the doctor some times took all of them to the lab to try to make a cure for their mutations. The treatments and experiments felt good most of the time and if they hurt it was never too much if Amanda asked the scientists to stop they would. though of the lab as her days at the spa away from the boring lab. As the girls walked down the stairs Amanda heard a slight crinkling. by now Amanda knew who it was “this isn’t your best work Darnell I can hear your skin changing” Amanda laughed. Her brother was talented at sneaking up on people he was the only person she knew who she couldn’t constantly keep track of. “darn you Amy” her brother said as he appeared out of thin air. “why didn’t you let he scare Zo.” The last part went directly to Amanda’s head making her whole nervous system tingle. “S-Stop projecting your thoughts into my head. It feels so weird!” Amanda whined. Darnell laughed “What you don’t like this” the thoughts were louder than be

Amanda's head felt like swarms of flies where buzzing around in it. "Ok...ok you win stop!" Amanda sighed "I'm sorry I didn't let you frighten our beloved sister" Darnell laughed "its all I ask" he began to climb down the wall to the stairs

Darnell didn't know what it felt like to have someone's thoughts put directly into your head. Plus he couldn't really gather enough information from the others to understand what ever it felt like. He received three different reactions Amanda hated it, Zoe seemed to like it even asking him when they were younger to only talk to her that way and wouldn't respond if he didn't, and the doctor and jack didn't seem to care. Zoe had said it kind of tingled but not on a completely physical level. It was strange but Darnell wanted to know what kind of effect his ability had on people. As the group reached the stair they found jack sitting on the couch eating breakfast the doctor a man in his late 30s had cereal as always looked like he was going to explode with excitement. The doctor was incapable of taking care of himself his lab coat was always dirty and in his 14 Darnell had only ever seen eat cereal fast food or instant noodles. He wasn't sure how this man had raised them all "Children good news" the doctor said with a grin "all your lives I have tutored you in advanced classes and social skills as well as Online chat rooms and social media. all these skills where made to send you into the world when you where cured but it has not been easy to undo my past mistakes. so have been talking to the school district and the government and we have decided starting next week you are going to school!"