

TOKEN GENIUS

"Andre and Aggy"
(Pilot)

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ANDRE BROWN (30s) black nerd, addresses the audience:

ANDRE

I've been asked to speak to you all about what it is I do. My research has one goal: to create humanity's last invention.

He cleans his thick lenses with the hem of his cardigan.

Self-aware of the moment, the irony of the eyes watching him in the room, Andre goes off script...

ANDRE (CONT'D)

I see your little brains struggling with the idea of a world without people, but that's your bias toward existence blinding you from the inevitable. If you were smarter, you would know that any day now, some tech company will have a breakthrough that renders human beings instantly obsolete. There are billions in R&D, racing toward our extinction. My advice; you should route for me to win. At least the super intelligence I create will be ethical enough to end the vast suffering on this planet by killing us all while we sleep.

FLIP to REVEAL THE ROOM:

INT. KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - MORNING

A GROUP OF FIVE-YEAR-OLDS in school uniforms, sitting crisscross on the "SHARE RUG" UNDER A *CAREER DAY* BANNER.

MORTIFIED LITTLE FACES - then...

SPOOSH - a juice box EXPLODES in the back row and we...

END TEASER

INT. KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - DAY

Dimmed lights. The STUDENTS watch an ANIMATED LESSON...

ON THE TV:

A colorful diagram of the HUMAN BODY...

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

You are Homo sapien. For over one-hundred-thousand years, you have been the dominant intelligence on this planet.

ZOOM into the body - the head - THE BRAIN...

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

You've been endowed by natural selection with an advanced learning algorithm inside.

The BRAIN SLIDES into a side-by-side comparison with animation of a COMPUTER MAINFRAME...

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

This is a super intelligent computer. It also has an advanced learning algorithm inside.

A CROSS-SECTION of the human brain firing away....

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

The difference? Instead of your three pound lump of wet messy neurons sending signals at the speed of biology...

INSIDE THE COMPUTER: nodes and soldered connections of the MOTHERBOARD...

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

...an Artificial General Intelligence, or A.G.I., runs on silicon chips and can send signals at the speed of light without getting tired, hungry, or frustrated...

The VIDEO CONTINUES as we go to...

THE BACK OF THE CLASS:

Andre, leaning on a modern desk, equipped with the latest tactile manipulatables. He's with the teacher...

JANICE (30s) *young Jane Goodall*; frizzy bun, empathetic brows, counselor's smile and speaks with the calm confidence earned after over a decade working with irrational creatures:

JANICE

(hushed)

Career day is supposed to be about inspiring the kids to find a job they love.

ANDRE

Pointless.

JANICE

You look terrible.

ANDRE

Yeah, well, late nights.

THE TV AGAIN:

The ANIMATED COMPUTER GETS BIGGER...

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

An AGI is special because of it's unlimited potential to improve itself.

...and BIGGER until...

NARRATOR (FROM TV)

Human beings are special because one day, they will get to create an AGI.

...THE COMPUTER CRUSHES THE TINY CARTOON HUMAN AND WE:

SLAM BLACK AS...

VIDEO ENDS, lights come up and...

JANICE

Okay kids, listen up... ten minutes of meet and great start now.

...STUDENTS disperse throughout the class.

ANDRE

No one clapped. I knew they wouldn't get it.

JANICE

They're five.