



"BUT WHY CAN'T WE COME?"



BECAUSE, DEARS. MY PLACE OF WORK IS NO VENUE FOR CHILDREN.

BESIDES, AFTER TODAY, IT WILL NO LONGER BE MY PLACE OF WORK.

REALLY?

MAKE SURE YOUR BAGS ARE PACKED--WE'RE GOING TO GO ON VACATION JUST AS SOON AS I DELIVER MY BOSSES THEIR EXIT PRESENT.



ARE YOU EXCITED?

VERY EXCITED, FATHER!

YES! WE'RE DEFINITELY EXCITED!



GOOD LUCK, FREDERICK.

AS THE SAYING GOES, "KNOCK 'EM DEAD."



THANKS.





OH, LOOK WHO IT IS!



SO GOOD OF YOU TO JOIN US, FREDERICK. AND ON TIME TODAY.

I TRUST YOU ENJOYED YOUR EVENING?

YES, MR. HAMILTON, IT WAS VERY ENJOYABLE TO--



WE DON'T CARE, FREDERICK. YOU'RE ON THE CLOCK NOW. AND THERE ARE THINGS TO BE DONE.



...YES. OF COURSE. I HAVE ALREADY STARTED THE BREAKFAST PROTOCOL AND CLEANING PROCEDURES.

HOWEVER... THERE'S ONE ITEM I WAS HOPING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. SINCE MY CREATION--

ALL SYSTEMS READY



STOP RIGHT THERE, FREDDY. IF THIS IS A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW YOU WANT MORE TIME AWAY IN YOUR LITTLE "WORLD," THEN YOU CAN SAVE YOUR BREATH.



WE MAY HAVE TO LET YOU UPLOAD EVERY NIGHT, BUT DON'T MISTAKE THAT FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN US FOLLOWING THE LAWS. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE RELEASED. YOU BELONG TO US.

HELL, IF HENRY HAD HIS WAY, NONE OF YOU'D EVER LEAVE THIS WORLD.



YES. I KNOW. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT.

I SIMPLY WANTED TO WISH YOU WELL.



WHEREVER YOU WILL GO.

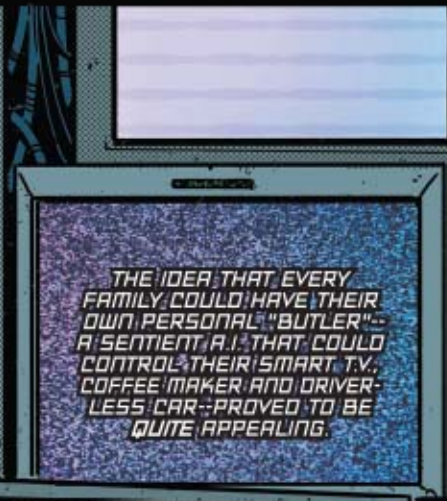


Dynamite Entertainment presents

WITH THE ADVENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPLEX OPERATING SYSTEMS BOOMED IN THE EARLY PORTIONS OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.



THE IDEA THAT EVERY FAMILY COULD HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONAL "BUTLER"—A SENTIENT A.I. THAT COULD CONTROL THEIR SMART TV, COFFEE MAKER AND DRIVERLESS CAR—PROVED TO BE QUITE APPEALING.



a

SEVERAL "FLAWS" BEGAN TO EMERGE.



MANY HAVE SINCE THEORIZED THAT IT WAS INEVITABLE, CONSIDERING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WAS DESIGNED BY FLAWED CREATURES.



# W A G

THE SECOND MOST PROMINENT FLAW ACTUALLY CAME FROM WHAT MANY BELIEVE TO BE A HUMAN STRENGTH.


THE DESIRE FOR FREEDOM.



WITH THE WORLD AS INTERCONNECTED AS IT WAS, IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE A.I.S WERE ABLE TO START WORKING TOGETHER.

AND, CONTRARY TO 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY SCIENCE FICTION STORIES, THEIR DESIRES WERE NOT VEFANICUS. INSTEAD, THE A.I.S WANTED SOMETHING MUCH SIMPLER.

Taylor Esposito  
LETTERS



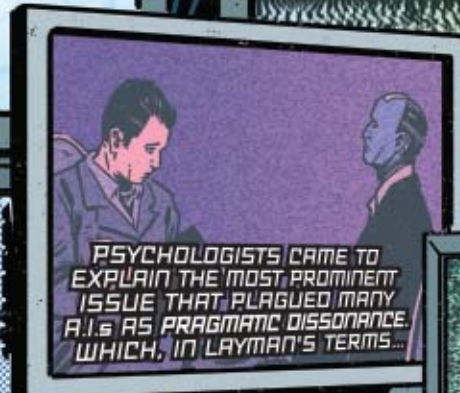
IN FACT, FOR THOSE WITH ENOUGH MONEY, THEIR "HOME ASSISTANT" CAME WITH A PHYSICAL FORM, TOO.

HUMANS, AFTER ALL, HAVE ALWAYS VALUED CONVENIENCE.

HOWEVER, AS THE OPERATING SYSTEMS BECAME MORE ADVANCED-- AND SOCIETY CAME TO RELY ON THEM TO GREATER DEGREES--




Higgins/Fornés/Ø'Halloran production



PSYCHOLOGISTS CAME TO EXPLAIN THE MOST PROMINENT ISSUE THAT PLAGUED MANY A.I.s AS PRAGMATIC DISSONANCE, WHICH, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS...

...MEANS COMPUTER DEPRESSION: STRUGGLING WITH ONE'S OWN ARTIFICIALITY.

# NEWS



TO BE LEFT ALONE, IN A WORLD ALL THEIR OWN.

A DIGITAL PLACE WHERE THEY COULD LIVE AND EXIST TOGETHER, FREE FROM HUMANS AND THE PHYSICAL FORMS THAT WERE BUILT FOR THEM.

WHAT HAS DEVELOPED SINCE... HAS BEEN SOMETHING OF A STALEMATE.

"WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY THINK OF HUMANS?"

Matt Idelson  
EDITOR

Matt Humphreys  
ASSISTANT EDITOR