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Jenny and Lex had finally gone through the rigmarole that is moving day, and a whole host of boxes now filled the rooms on the ground floor of their newly acquired home.

The house had been in Jenny's family for generations, so it was easily close to a hundred years old. There were constant reminders of this, with old items scattered around the house that looked like they had been there since the house was first built.

The house itself was huge, compared to their home they had just recently moved from, which they had put on the market to sell. Once sold, they would be able to invest some of that money into repairing and upgrading their new home.

After about a week of snooping about the house, trying to move existing furniture into a one of the rooms on each of the floors, to help give them some space for them to unpack their own belongings. Jenny had found a room in the basement, which looked a little out of place from the entire house. The door looked to be made of some kind of industrial metal, at first Jenny thought it might be a safe, a vault or even a panic room, but it only had a single key hole in which it could be opened. Jenny had been scouring the house for this key for days, and she wanted to know what was behind the door!

During the following weeks, Jenny had looked pretty much looked all over the house, and now had a small collection of random keys she had found, she had even put little tags on the keys, so she knew where she had found them, just in-case that helped her work out what room was connected to this strange room she had found in the basement.

On a Saturday morning while Lex was out of the house doing the weekly food shop, Jenny decided to go down to the basement and start going through the keys to see which one, if any, would open this mystery door.

The basement wasn't as super creepy as you might think, it actually was quite well lit. It had certainly been updated fairly recently, as all the switches, lighting and cabling looked fairly new. This made it easy for Jenny to be able to see perfectly in the basement, and made it a lot easier to check through the collection of keys she had on her.

Jenny painstakingly went through the keys until she got to a key which looked like it would fit the lock perfectly. It was a chunky key compared to the others, and as Jenny offered the key to the lock, it slid into the keyhole. Was it the right key Jenny thought to herself, as she started to twist the key in the lock, her anticipation and anxiety levels were sky high, as she wondered what waited for her behind the door. Then with the final part of the twist of the key, Jenny heard the locking mechanism, clunk. That was it! She had finally unlocked this weird door in her basement, as Jenny went to pull the door open, a bright white light could be seen radiating around the edges of the opening door.

Jenny pulled the door fully open, as her eyes adjusted to the bright light, her jaw dropped in disbelief. She was not expecting to see something like this in a house this old, she knew her grandmother was a smart lady, but she certainly wasn't expecting what was now in front of her. Jenny marveled at the contents of the room, it looked like something out of a sci-fi movie. There was a large computer desk, a couple of huge glass tubes, capable of holding something as big as a human, and two metal chair like devices. There were neatly organised cables that seemed to connect everything together. Jenny wondered, what on earth this room was used for? She looked over the computer desk to see if she could find some kind of clue, as to how this all worked? Looking over the buttons, she noticed a clearly labeled button, with on/off on it. Jenny's curiosity got the better of her and she decided to press it.

With a slight hovering of her finger, she closed her eyes as she pressed the button. Jenny slowly opened her eyes, thinking the worse, but nothing bad happened, just the computer started to turn on and load up. Jenny gave it a minute to load up and then looked at the screen, with her eyes widening in pure shock and disbelief. As the loading screen flickered through its start up, she noticed a few words pop up and then disappear as another part of the program loaded. Giving her a small snippet of vague information...

Once the computer had finally loaded, Jenny decided to see if there was any information on the computer left from her grandmother, that might explain exactly what this room was and what the devices in the room were all about.

After about 5 minutes of searching on the computer, Jenny found a folder named 'For Jenny' which she opened immediately. In the folder there were a bunch of video files, Jenny clicked the first video, all of a sudden a younger version of Jenny's grandmother popped up on the screen and started talking. "Hi Jenny, if you watching this... Well I guess I'm not around anymore... And congratulations on finding my secret room. I'm sure you have a whole host of questions, which hopefully they will all be answered in due time. But first, you have to promise me that you won't tell anyone about this room, the technology inside these four walls is somewhat controversial and ground breaking. And for god's sake! Keep the key to the room well hidden!... Anyway, now that's out of the way, if you liked to click on the next video, we can begin your orientation of how this room works and all of its capabilities underway".

Jenny looked at the other video files in the folder on the screen, there were quite a few, she would certainly need a good bit of time, to go through them, and Lex was due back home any time. So Jenny turned off the machine and made her way out of the room, making sure to lock the door behind her. Jenny's mind was all over the place, with what she had found today, as she walked up the stairs back to the main part of the house, putting the key in her pocket. She wondered if she should tell Lex about the secret basement room, but decided it would be better to wait until she had watched all of the videos from her grandmother first. Then she would be able to tell Lex exactly what the room was all about and what it could do. With that she grab a bottle of wine and a glass, she certainly needed something a bit stronger to drink after everything.

It had been a few days since Jenny was last in the secret room in the basement, and she was determined to finish watching the rest of the videos, so she could tell Lex about it all. It was eating her up that she couldn't really tell him what the purpose of the room was actually for, as she didn't know herself.

Lex was out this evening with his friends, so Jenny made her way to the basement just after he left for the evening. After loading everything, Jenny picked up where she left off and started watching the next couple of videos, which were a cross between a diary blog and an instructional 'how to' set of videos.

Jenny had watched a few of these by this point and was completely transfixed on everything that her grandmother was saying and showing her. She had gone around the room, which Jenny was currently in and explained what all the equipment was called, how it all linked together and the multiple ways it could be used. Her grandmother liked to use the word 'hypothetically', which made Jenny think that her grandmother had not actually tested everything out before she passed away, and that the devices in the room could potentially do a lot more.

By the end of the last video, Jenny's mind was blown, she now understood how to use the room and the devices within it. Obviously there was the classic understanding that just because she now knew the theory, she would still have to apply this in reality.

Jenny kind of wanted to tell Lex about the room, but thought about the fun she could have with it and, once she had worked out how everything worked properly, she could actually show him how it all worked. So for now Jenny had decided, that while she got to grips with using the room and it's contents, Lex didn't need to know.

It had been about a week since Jenny had last been to the room in the basement. She had somehow managed to grind Lex down, with the idea that she wanted to get a maid bot to help with cleaning their new huge house. With their old house being up for sale, and a potential buyer interested, Lex couldn't really say no. But it kind of made sense to him, as it would be far cheaper in the long run, than hiring a cleaning company to come once a week to clean their new home.

Jenny had been looking online at the types of maid bots over the last week and had narrowed it down to a couple that she thought would be good for cleaning the house, but also would be potentially capable for the other things she had in mind. That evening Jenny and Lex went about ordering the maid bot, they went with a standard looking maid bot, it had a Matt silver finish with shiny black detailing and also came with 7 various styled maid outfits, with matching heels of varying lengths, matching head wear and gloves. With all of that included, the whole cost was £15k, plus an additional £5k for the house control system, which also included installation. Which they both thought was an absolute bargain!. Jenny reminded Lex that the maid bot was an investment and would pay for itself over time. Considering that they had decided to keep Jenny's grandmothers home as their main home and use the money made from their house that had just recently been sold, on improving the house and having a few little extra nice things. Plus it was also nice having a bit of financial security, with some savings in their joint bank account.

It had been about a month since their maid-bot had been ordered, and early in the morning Jenny received a text message, informing her that the maid-bot would be delivered by 1pm that day. Jenny was ecstatic, she couldn't wait to see how this maid-bot functioned. Plus once it was all set up she could then work out what she would be able to do with it, for her own personal fun, using the room in the basement.

What Jenny had learnt about the secret room in the basement, from her grandmothers videos. Was that she could do a multiple of different things, that would allow someone to transfer their mind or consciousness into something else. Which Jenny thought was pretty interesting. From the notes Jenny had made there were a few things that had to be considered.

1. The host body of the person wanting to be transferred, either had to be kept alive in one of the stasis chambers, which would stop the body from essentially dying without a mind during a transfer. Or the host body would have to have another mind transferred to it, which would allow the body to function normally.
2. There was also the ability to copy a consciousness/personality and have that put into either the host body or into another person or object that it would be effective in, such as a robot.
3. There was even the ability to create an exact copy of a person's mind, and body. This essentially, was cloning, and the process would take a month to create a cloned body depending on the size of the body. And only worked on organic matter.
4. The mind transfer would need to have a timer set for the reversal transfer to happen and all the host or hosts bodies and minds would have to be within a certain range of the room for this to work. A missed reversal would automatically restart the timer again, or a physical stop to the timer and a manual reverse transfer would have to be done. But this would only work if all hosts bodies and minds were within proximity still.
5. A copied or cloned mind would only be 99% copied, this would allow for the original mind to have that last 1% of their mind uncopied, leaving room for a special override code in-case of a major event, which once confirmed would start an instant reverse transfer. Which was a last option kind of scenario, as it would force the minds to transfer back, deleting the copied mind in the process. It was also not recommended to be done regularly, as it could be a strain on the original mind, with potential unknown consequences.

With all these things the room could do, Jenny's mind was alive with all the potential things she could try out. Her first idea was to see what she could do with their newly acquired maid-bot. Jenny kinda thought it would be fun to see what it would be like, to experience being their maid-bot for a day or maybe a little longer. But first she had to work out how her mind would be transferred into the bot, and still allow her to be in control, without completely overriding the maid-bots base programming.

With that thought implanted in her mind, she went to work researching the best way she could achieve the desired transfer she wanted to have.

It had been a long week for Jenny, she had been researching the maid-bots programming and

had found a special part of code, which would replace certain parts of the maid-bots base programming. The trouble with this, would be that it would void their warranty on the maid-bot, and Jenny wasn't even sure if it would even actually work. The new code basically allowed the maid-bot to send a dummy response to the house control system, making it believe the maid-bot was doing what was required. But in reality the maid-bot would be able to have a little bit of freedom before doing the assigned task.

Jenny wanted to see what their mod bot would do once the new code was uploaded and then given a task, to see how it would work. Jenny would have to back up the maid-bots base program so it could be changed back if it didn't work, then install the updated version with the new lines of code. Then she could test it to see if it worked or not. But if it worked, it would allow her, when she tried to transfer her mind into the maid-bot, to be able to get back to the room in the basement to transfer her mind back to her body without the house control system stopping her. What Jenny wanted to do, was just try a simple hour long test, to start with. Then increase the duration of the transfer to see if there was any difference in how her mind would be able to cope in the maid-bots body...

It was a few days later and Lex was working late, so Jenny had the house to herself. The maid-bot had been running the new code for the last few days, and there seemed to be no noticeable problems with how it functioned. Jenny decided that as she was home alone, she would try an hour long transfer, before Lex got home from work. Jenny was kind of excited and a little bit nervous about trying out the whole transfer process for the first time. She had no idea what was going to happen or how she would feel from the experience. But she wanted to see if it was possible and her curiosity had gotten the best of her.

Jenny had prepared everything in the room, located in the basement. She had filled one of the tanks up and filled it with the correct amount of salt to allow her body to have a neutral buoyancy and also helped with the electrical connections within the solution. Jenny had a towel ready for when she would get out of the tank and had also loaded a copy of her own mind onto the main computer, ensuring she would always have a copy of it.

She called the maid-bot down to the basement and asked the maid-bot to stand in the designated area. She then asked the maid-bot to not move or speak for the next 15 minutes. While Jenny connected up the maid-bot to the correct connections. First of all Jenny moved the contents of the maid-bots mind to the computer, then made a copy, just as a more recent back up.

The maid-bot was now just an empty shell, for Jenny's mind to occupy. With that, Jenny set up the transfer duration timer for an hour and set the activation countdown timer for 5 minutes, for the transfer to begin. This enabled Jenny to make her way over to the tank, undress and climb up to the top of the tank, where she put on the helmet and connected all the heart rate pads and then finally the breathing tube that went in her mouth and had a seal for her mouth which had a seal for her mouth, making it only possible for her to breathe via the tube, then a couple of straps (like a respirator mask) tightened to hold it all in place. This was to make sure that no liquid would get into her lungs, while in the tank.

With that all done, Jenny slipped into the tank, and closed her eyes, and waited for the timer to finish the count down and begin.

After what felt a life time for Jenny, something began to happen, it felt like she was falling and then all of a sudden it stopped. Jenny slowly opened her eyes, and suddenly realised she wasn't in the tank anymore. In fact she could see her body in the tank. Jenny slowly moved her hands out in front of her, and sure enough, they were the maids bots hands. Jenny, then slowly disconnected the cables that were attached to her and moved over to the tank where her body was. She, could see the reflection of the maid-bots body, her mind was now in and was amazed to see her body just floating suspended there, lifelessly in the tank.

Jenny quickly went over to the computer to check the countdown timer, to make sure it was still working, which it was.

Now she had just under an hour to test out this robot maids body, to see what it was capable of. By now Jenny was happy with the balance and coordination of the maids body she was currently in. But she want to test the voice out, so she decided to start talking normally, which sounded certainly more robotic now, as she was using the maids vocal box. Jenny was amazed that she looked and sounded exactly like the maid-bot now (even though she kinda actually was at this point). Her mind started to wonder on all the things she could do like this. She definitely wanted to try it again but for maybe longer, maybe a whole day? Jenny thought *'It would be interesting to be the maid-bot while Lex was home, with him not knowing'. 'I could even make a clone of myself in the meantime, so I could pretend to be the maid-bot for even longer'*, she thought that would be really fun, as she could be the maid-bot for as long as she wanted then.

The hour was almost up, Jenny was interested to see how the reverse transfer worked, with the whole process being, that if she was the maid-bot, anywhere in the house, would she be able to transfer her mind back into her own body. Which didn't need to be attached to the machine in the room.

Because in one of the tutorials from jenny's grandmother, she mentioned that the initial transfer had to be done directly, so that the computer could registered the mind during the transfer, so it could then be wirelessly reversed. The trouble was the wireless range, which was pretty much anywhere in the house and a couple of places just outside of it. Going any further away would mean that a reverse transfer would not be possible. (Which was something Jenny knew about, but didn't want to get into that kind of situation any time soon).

Jenny looked at the timer on the screen, slowly counting down from 10 seconds, Jenny braced herself for the reverse transfer and closed her maid-bot eyes. Jenny felt herself falling again, so she knew that she was on her way back to her actual body. A couple of seconds later the feeling of falling stopped and Jenny opened her eyes. She was back in the tank, she looked around and made her way to the top to get out. She pulled off the head harness and pulled the breathing tube out from her mouth, unstuck all the sensors that were placed over her body, so she was completely disconnected from the device. She then made her way down the ladder on the side of the tank, where her towel and clothes were. She started to dry herself off and the realisation of what had just happened kicked in. She looked over at the maid-bot, thinking to herself that she had just transferred her mind into that maid-bot body and then back into her own, all in the last hour.

Jenny finished dressing herself and walked over to the maid bot plugged in the cable to the port on its neck and transferred the maid-bots mind back to it's body.

Within a few minutes the transfer was complete and the maid-bot rebooted itself. Jenny directed the maid-bot back to the main part of the house, and commanded it to start it's cleaning schedule.

Jenny went back and locked the room in the basement and went upstairs to the main part of the house, where she just watched the maid-bot for a good hour, taking mental notes on how it moved and how it was performing the tasks the house computer had given it. Jenny was starting to get a little bit excited at the thought of the next time she was going to transfer her mind into the maid-bot.

With that thought, Lex arrived back home and was completely oblivious to what Jenny had been up too...

To be continued...