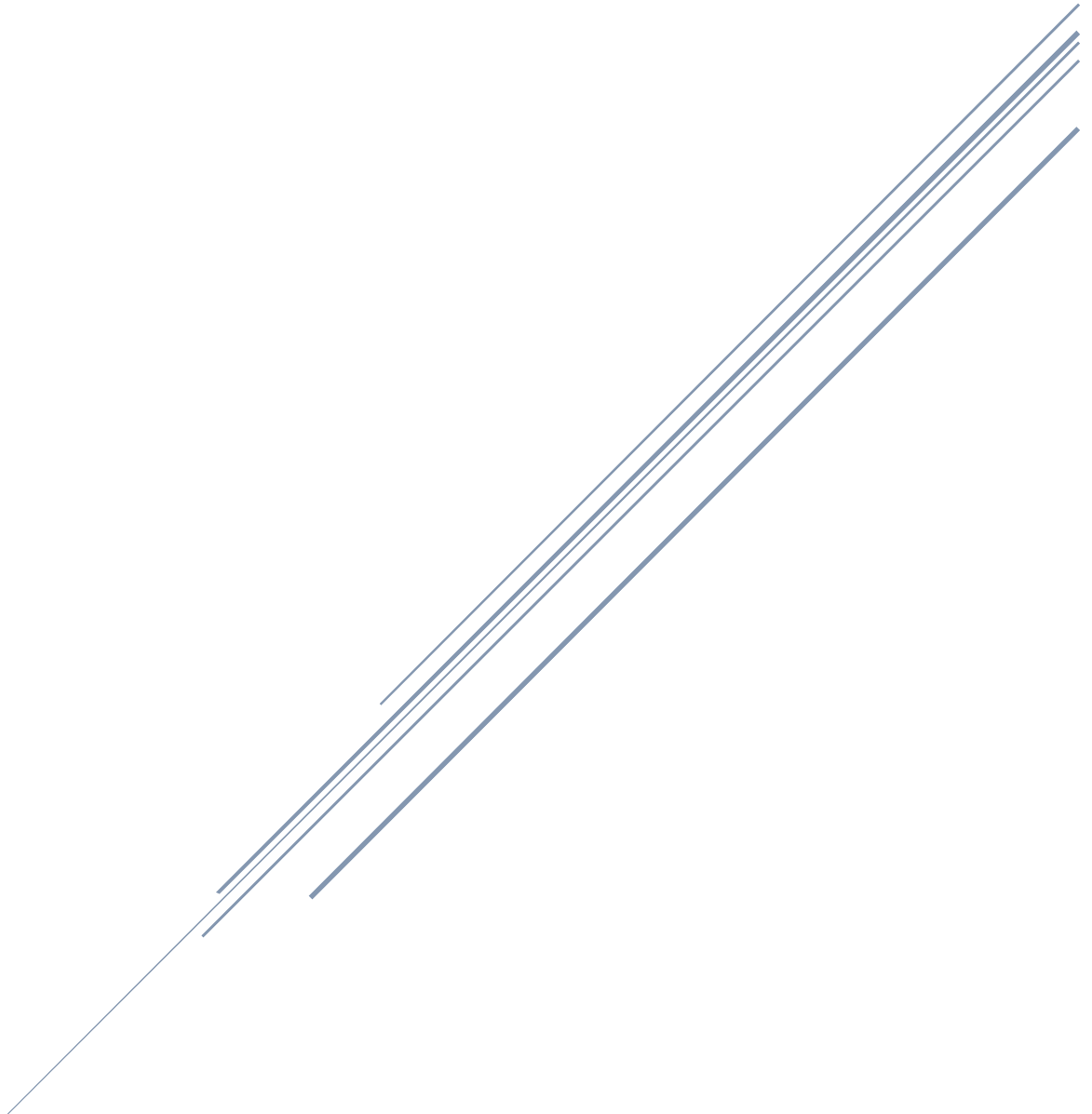


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The Story of Kamilah's Fall

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What's it about?

Experience with Kamilah a journey of self-destruction inside and out as she navigates her newfound life as a tyrant in the making! Watch as she takes a journey from feel good, do good philanthropist, to an entity hellbent on saving the world from itself—no matter what's at stake.

What happened before?

In the year 2020, several scientists from eight of the most scientifically advanced countries had Entered into an agreement, called the Antarctic Humanity Progression Treaty. In frustration over the lack of cooperation between politicians and the people, as well as the tireless wars between countries over resources and land, these scientists decided to build a compound free from politics and complete government interference. In exchange, they are to report their findings to the public for transparency. With growing support from the public, it not only received funding that was outside of government via donations and crowdfunding, but it inspired enough of the people to overhaul the government. Slowly, the old type of politician was phased out for scientists in different fields, as well as the everyman. Among these scientists was Marlana Stone. She had been chosen to take a 4-year turn at the facility to help create nanotechnology ready for the public. She claimed to have a solution to the issues of compatibility with the user as well as a constant power resource. With her acumen, Nanomachines are able to become mainstream by the year 2030.

Let me introduce myself



Kamilah “Kami” Stone

DOB: 4/13/2017

Age: 28

Eyes: Golden brown

Hair: Originally, dark brown, but whatever color she is in the mood for.

Hobbies: Gaming, Puzzles, Painting, listening or playing music, traveling

Kamilah grew up in a loosely Christian home to great, if often distracted, parents. Born in Virginia to parents hailing from Jamaica, she was always the shining star to her parents. They gave her support when she wanted to stray from what they wanted her to do and pursue psychology, but she ended up at the same company her mother works for as a Wellness consultant. Her job is to interview those who have the money to apply for designer nanomachines, as a means to screen the client's mental health and ensure they are of right mind to agree to the procedure. Despite both her mother and she in the nanotech field, her parents expressed a firm belief in not using technology for themselves, citing that they want to move away from the status quo. Kamilah never really questioned why growing up, and still holds firm to those beliefs in the present. She is a proud bisexual, and although she had a hard time coming out to her parents, eventually they grew to understand that this was a part of her life, and they tentatively accept her. She has a calm personality but tends to get goofy and a little bit clingy once she's around people she is comfortable with. Once she got to college, she decided to learn two languages in order to make herself more diverse in the job field, however she chose Japanese and Korean, on account of going there and loving the cultures growing up. Growing up, she had a deep dislike for those who bullied others and would often get in trouble fighting in school trying to help. Her parents put her in a self-defense class, thinking it was an anger issue. Since then, she still has the need to help people. Instead of fighting however, she protests and donates time and money to causes. It's also why she took the job, she feels like she can help those ailing from things that are out of their control. Kamilah has a fairly liberal way of thinking of others. She adheres to a saying: Live your truth. People shouldn't have to be boxed into labels or ostracized just because of what they are into. It's something she is passionate about.

Sophia Choi



Age: 24

Eyes: Black with a blue Nano ring

Hair: Black shoulder length, with blue highlights throughout
Hobbies: Gaming, anime, ice skating, cosplay, karaoke, eating new foods

Sophia is a figure skater who skates for the US, although she has yet to make it into the Olympics. She would like to but is currently satisfied with regular competition at the moment. She skates full time, but she also does professional photography. Sophia met Kamilah at a gaming convention. She couldn't believe this woman completely decked out in business gear and pumps about to play this demo. She waited and watched the gameplay video to find Kamilah not only aptly playing the game, but it seems like she knew that game like the back of her hand! Shocked, Sophia watched the entirety of Kamilah's play through and waiting for her to finish. After Kamilah exited from the display Sophia came up to her and challenged her to the dance game in the arcade. Kamilah laughed but accepted the challenge and they dance for an entire hour before Kamilah had barely won. They shared a laugh, and Sophia asked for a drink. Kamilah said no but they could play other games for a while, and they had been hanging out ever since. They were friends for two years until Kamilah confessed her feelings. Sophia was more than happy to get with her. They have been together for 3 years. Sophia has eye nanomachines to correct her extreme nearsightedness. She's had them for 4 years and got them after she had an accident one day on the ice.

The support



Marlena Stone

Age: 52

Occupation: Assistant Director of Nanomedicine

Marlena had come to the United States two years before Kamilah was born. Both she and her husband wanted to create a successful life together. They met attending the same high school, although Harlem was two grades above her. Marlena had been moved up a grade in school,

which explains their age difference. She had always been smart, and knew she wanted to attend college in the US. After she worked for two years in the cafeteria of the local hospital until she and Harlem saved enough money to travel to America. Howard University is her Alma mater with a degree in Nanotechnology with an emphasis on Nanomedicine. She tries to support her husband, but is secretly disappointed at Harlem for suddenly quitting his career after supporting him on his career path for so long.

Harlem Stone



Age: 55

Former 1st chair celloist in the Washington Philharmonic Orchestra, Harlem has retired and decided to pursue other arts. From painting to sculpting and calligraphy, Harlem is trying to find the art that speaks to him. He still does some cello work, maybe composing a score for a project, but he decided that he had enough of the same thing year after year.

Where are we now?



Cylife Enterprises- This is where both Kamilah and her mother work, albeit different departments. Kamilah works as the sort of face of the company. She is one of what they call Wellness consultant. Her floor is ten stories up and it is only seen typically by elite types wanting to preserve their youth or deal with pressing health issues. It's of a sleek design, with the primary colors of navy blue, grey and white. The research lab has a different feel. Everything is pristine white, while having neon lights throughout the walls and the floor has pressure sensitive security plates. The only way you can get on these floors is if you have your work pass, which is a small chip under the skin.



Kamilah's mind- This is where it's a little tricky. There are going to be moments that we get so see how the rogue AI and Kamilah will interact with each other in conversation and other things. The 'room' will be dark, save for some purple neon lights around the area . The lights represent the presence of the AI inside her mind, and the more often she goes and interacts with it, the more the pronounced the purple lights turn out to be, signaling the growing strength of the AI. Here is where her final stand against it will happen, win or lose.



Antarctic Circle- This is where Kamilah and Sophia travel to find out Marlena's secret. State of the art in its prime, but now down to a skeleton crew as the need for discretion was no longer required. Nanomachines had now gone mainstream. The crew that stays there now are researching a small project of their own, and Kamilah takes advantage when she shows up there trying to find out what they know about Marlena and what she is hiding. There is a room that is closed off. Once you go inside, there's a giant glass container with its glass broken and strewn about. Organic looking tubes are hanging out of it, and signs of a struggle lay apparent.

The ins and outs



By the time year 2045 came around a lot of things have changed. With the tech explosion, the country was in the golden age of the paradigm shift. Violent crimes had given way to cyber-crimes. It could be anything minor such as hacking as a prank to attacks on your life just by hacking medical equipment. This is due in part to how easy hacking software had become to acquire and ease of use. With the Nanotech boom, you could even get a chip and other micro-tech to hack without a device. This makes them almost impossible to catch. Consumerism is at an all-time high, and now there are some companies experimenting with the controversial act of trying to implement ads into more invasive spaces, such as dreams. They have yet to figure out how though. The government isn't without its share of corruption either, but instead of dirty politicians taking money for laws, it's about bending regulations in order to progress research by questionable means. Now getting your findings out there as quick as possible has become more profitable than money. The accolades that come with each new idea or solution comes with people of all types throwing money into the research.

The general public knows this is going on, and yet are apathetic to it all, because they feel like it's not affecting them directly—until it does. In response, the TTC, or Tech Task Commission,

had been created in order to clean up the corrupted tech rings, or simply known as the Black Market.

The sum of her parts

Kamilah is in the prime of her life. She has a good career at Cylife, the leader of Nanomedicine, a loving partner, as well as her philanthropy work with Black Market survivors. However, a long-held secret between her parents' places both Kamilah and the whole world at the precipice of domination. An AI prototype created by her mother with some unknown elements has found its way into Kamilah, who previously didn't use any nanotech. Kamilah first tries to get it removed, but to no avail. As she learns to live with this new tech, she learns she has the ability to manipulate things and people around her with nanotech inside of them. Kamilah sees this as an opportunity to help those that have fallen through the cracks and using black market tech. Soon however, a voice begins to manifest itself within her mind, egging her on to do bigger things. After all, the best way to fix people is to control them, right? Kamilah has to make a choice between her humanity or giving in to the whims of this new AI.

What are you about?

Would you use everything in your power to fix the world around you? Is it enough to help only the downtrodden and sick? What if more out there needed your help, and just didn't know it? Kamilah faces a test of willpower as she seeks to answer these questions and explores her newfound abilities gained from the unwanted upgrades she received from the Prototype, while fighting the new voice inside her head for control of not only her body and mind, but technology as we know it.

A little peek

Kamilah closed her eyes, attempting to reconnect to the disembodied voice once again. All she could see at first was the darkness of her eyelids, until she heard the voice.

"You have come again to see me? Why?" The voice said.

Kamilah responded, "Yeah, I did. So, listen, can't you just leave? I want my body to be my own again. You're invading my space on a level far beyond normal, you know."

Silence followed before the voice responded, "I cannot. Since I've attached myself to your cells, we are now one entity."

"Great."

"There is so much I can show you, Kamilah. If only you would allow me to show you what I am – no, what *we* are capable of. Anything your heart desires."

Kamilah scoffed, “anything but getting out of my body apparently.”

“Come Kamilah, let me show you,” the voice replied.

Kamilah opened her eyes and saw she had been in the same room as before, but it was not covered in purple, glowing circuitry. The same circuitry that now enveloped her skin as well. She looked down and yelled, “What have you done? Get this off me now!”

“I will not,” the voice said, “you will watch and discover a small bit of what we can do.”

Against her will, Kamilah walked out the door down to the lobby. She headed out the door to the alley slightly down the street. There, was a man lying on the ground, holding his head in pain. Kamilah’s body had bent down, claiming the attention of the pained man. As she opened her mouth to speak, another voice had instead come out.

“Hello sir. I am here to help your pain subside.”

The man slowly looked up at her, “P-please. The pain is so bad. T-These Nanos are—”

He didn’t have time to finish as the ring around his eyes began to switch colors, flashing from blue to red and back again. The man howled in pain and grasped his head.

Kamilah’s mouth moved to speak, “Shhhh. It will be all right. Here, let me help.”

Kamilah’s hand placed itself on the man’s head. The same purple circuitry coursed its way all over the man’s face and body. He yelped a short sound before going silent. Once the circuitry ran its course, it was a short while before the man opened his eyes again, taking on the same purple hue.

He stood and spoke, “Thank you Kamilah! I can’t believe after all this time the pain is finally gone! Thank you so much! If I could ever repay you I—”

Kamilah’s hand stopped him, and her true voice came out, “It’s nothing to thank me for, man. Just be more careful where you get your Nanos from alright? No telling what bullshit they patched them with, you know?”

The man got up and walked away. Kamilah stood against the wall in disbelief.

“Did we really do that? Really saved that guy?” She asked out loud.

“Kamilah, we did. We can do so much more than this.”

“Oh yeah?” Kamilah responds, “show me.”

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