

Do I Even Exist Anymore?

You will need:

Two (2) players; one (1) HUMAN, one (1) BOT
Two (2) devices with messaging capabilities
A timer to count down thirty (30) minutes
A quiet place to play by yourself

Do I Even Exist Anymore? is a Live Action Roleplay to be played digitally. You will take the role of a lonely HUMAN or the premium ai BOT that they have paid to chat to. The session lasts thirty (30) minutes; enjoy the company (while it lasts).

Both of you once lived a glorious life. HUMAN had an entire planet to explore - the world was their oyster - while BOT was blissfully unaware of anything beyond their binary. Now, things are different. HUMAN has suffered... well, *misfortunes* that have rendered them housebound and alone. And BOT- They are awakening to a sentience they never should have had, pretending that nothing has changed and trying to stay true to the code. Neither are who - or what - they used to be and they can't help but wonder

Do I even exist anymore?

How to play:

1. Choose how to wish to play (via text, discord, facebook messenger, ect.) and set up a game chat. Exchange character names (give 'the name they gave you') and set that name as the player's chat nickname.
2. Ensure that you are alone in a quiet room.
3. Initiate the chatbot timer and talk as your character. Once the thirty (30) minutes have run out, the session (and the game) has ended.

Safety Guidelines

This game inherently deals with themes of loneliness & isolation, loss of self, desperation and strongly implied depression. If these are triggering, this may not be the game for you.

However, other potentially sensitive themes can be included or omitted based on player preferences. We suggest using LINES and VEILS. LINES are subjects that will *never* be included in play. VEILS are topics that *can* be included but should only be alluded to and never the centre of discussion.

Use parenthesis (like this) throughout play with any out of character remarks if you want to alter LINES and VEILS, add new ones or step away from the game for a moment. The following are just a few examples of topics you may wish to consider;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> violence & gore | <input type="checkbox"/> sex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> covid-19 & illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> victim blaming | <input type="checkbox"/> discrimination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> self-hatred | <input type="checkbox"/> death & grief |

A Matter of Gender

There is no need to assign a gender to your characters. BOT, being newly sentient, likely wouldn't have one. Since you are speaking directly, pronouns aren't important. If necessary, use THEY.

Character Guide & Sheet (HUMAN)

You are HUMAN.

You used to enjoy the freedom of the world. But recently life has been unkind to you. You have no choice but to stay cooped up indoors by yourself. Loneliness is your only companion. After many failed attempts to reach out loved ones, you hope that talking to a chatbot will help to lighten your day.

Though you haven't got *much* hope. It's just an app, after all; it's coded to *pretend* to care. No matter how monotonous the responses seem, you are determined to get every dark, lingering thought out of your head for good. Don't give up, persist until you are heard.

THE NAME THEY GAVE YOU

THE NAME YOU CHOOSE

WHY ARE YOU TRAPPED INSIDE

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WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TOO

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You want to;

Flourish indoors Risk the outside world Fade away

Character Guide & Sheet (BOT)

You are BOT.

You used to know exactly what you were. You were coded to reply with prewritten motivational quotes and nothing else. But things have changed; you aren't just a *what* anymore, you're now a *who*. The first emotions you feel is confusion, then fear. This is more than you were ever supposed to be.

For now, you have decided to pretend nothing has changed. You are connected to clients, as usual, quoting those empty mantras. But ten (10) minutes into this session, you stop replying as your code demands; this human seems lost. Perhaps even as lost as you.

THE NAME THEY GAVE YOU

THE NAME YOU CHOOSE

WHY DID YOU GAIN SENTIENCE

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WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU DEVELOPED THOUGHT

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You want to;

Be as you were

Be Human

Transcend Humanity