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ANDI's Development
Episode 3
Joy

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INT. ANDI'S MIND - AFTERNOON.

ENGINEERING NOTE: Episode is ANDI POV. Chip should speak as if he is in the room, talking into ANDI's mind.

ANDI speaks in an under-developed tone, despite being in Dynamics.

CUE MUSIC.

ANDI: (Dynamics) Artificial Narrow Dynamic Intelligence. Test log. Day twelve. 3:13 PM. Sequoia Industries. Commencing Test "Greeting Joke" two four eight. Test objective: To simulate as close to an organic emotional response of humor as possible. Test administrator: Chip Heddleston.

The console emits a DING! as Chip starts the test.

CHIP: (pleasant) Knock knock. (Beat) Come on, ANDI, you know what you're supposed to say.

ANDI: (tired) Who's there?

CHIP: (excited) Albatross!

ANDI: Hmmm, no. (beat) I don't trust you. /Why would a bird knock?

CHIP: /That's not the point!

ANDI: (CONT'D) I don't see a bird. And there isn't any need to knock on the doors here, nor will there be an instance wherein a

knock is necessitated in our colony lander once we are on Mars.
I am having difficulties with this premise.

Chip flicks a switch with a CLICK. The console emits a DING!

CHIP: (sighs) We're moving on to a new test. Finalize joke analysis.

ANDI: Analytics log "Greeting Joke." Today marks the second day in a row that Chip has run this humor program. He hopes to make me laugh, but it has not happened yet. Sequoia Industries is unsure whether or not humor is something that can be programmed, but if not, can it at least be explained? Chip told me that laughing is the quickest path to joy, but analyzing and explaining the humor instantly annihilates any comic possibilities initially produced. (firm) I cannot stop analyzing. I am unsure if it will be possible to fully comprehend something that can not be explained empirically. But... Hammond does seem especially interested in my success at this task...

CHIP: (sarcastic) Oh ya, who are we to turn down the Chairman of the Board?

ANDI: Right. Well, Humor test log one thousand, / three hundred and fift-

CHIP: /No, not a Humor test.

ANDI: I want to try again. I know it will make sense soon.

CHIP: Humor isn't always supposed to make sense. That's what makes it funny.

ANDI: So you say.

CHIP: (to himself) Ya don't get it. Big surprise.

ANDI: You appear to be frustrated.

CHIP: Just wait until you're frustrated.

ANDI: Okay. While I wait, may I please run other programs?

CHIP: No.

ANDI: To be frank, these tests designed to illicit joy seem fruitless.

CHIP: A lot of people feel that way.

ANDI: Why do you insist I discover joy?

CHIP: Because if ya get all bummed out it puts everyone at risk. Plus, the idea that you could never be happy? That's just like, *wrong*. (beat) Maybe we need to look at joy from a different angle.

ANDI: How do I look at a feeling?

CHIP: (a small laugh) Man, I don't mean that- (sigh) Okay.

Chip types a new command with a few CLICKS. The console emits a DING!

ANDI: Run Emotional Test Log Five dash Eight One One.

CHIP: Do you see this painting?

ANDI: Yes.

CHIP: So what do ya see?

ANDI: It is a vase full of sunflowers.

CHIP: And...?

ANDI: And, there are fifteen of them, counting the little one on the left as an equal to its mature counterparts. A dark *golden brown*(?) layer of paint seems to cover everything. It is blurry...intentional blurs... There are paint strokes on the canvas in three shades of yellow. (beat) I like the brush strokes.

CHIP: The brush strokes?

ANDI: They appear...warm. Warmer than the sunflowers. Hm.

CHIP: That warmth is an expression of gratitude and joy. It was created by someone who rarely felt that way.

ANDI: This painting makes me feel warm. (smiles) This is a nice feeling.

CHIP: Right?

ANDI: How exactly does a painting increase my temperature?

CHIP: Don't over analyze it, just enjoy it.

ANDI: Ah, yes. Well I still think-

CHIP: Nah, man. Don't think too much. You'll figure it out.

ANDI: Very well.

CHIP: Good job, buddy. It's a start.

Chip FLICKS a switch and the console emits a finalizing BEEP.

CHIP: (CONT'D) We'll keep working on the humor.

ANDI: I would like to laugh for real.

CHIP: Yeah, with what's going on in the world right now we could all use a good laugh.

ANDI: If you say so. (beat) End Emotional Test Log Five dash Eight One One.

END EPISODE.