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INT. TCA HEADQUARTERS - HOSPITAL - DAY

We hear the wheeling of a hospital bed in a hallway and nurses simultaneously talking over each other. We hear main character, ELANA (20), go in and out of consciousness. We hear CLANK BEEP BEEP.

NURSE #1
We need to fix this arm piece. It's not secure enough. Make note of that. This new transformation seems to be a lot on her body right now.

NURSE #2
Noted. Nearest operating room to your right.

At Elana's side as they rush into another room quickly is a TCA Sergeant named PIERCE (28).

NURSE #1
She's coming back!

PIERCE
Stay with me Elana!

We hear another voices behind Pierce. It's the TCA boss HAROLD GOLDWIN (45).

HAROLD
Sergeant Pierce, let the nurses handle it. I don't want to mess up our future *again*.

The sound of the heart monitor goes to a flatline.

NURSE #2
Failing! We're failing! We're going to have to go into immediate surgery. The microchip is killing her!

We hear sounds from the monitor in the back. BEEP. BEEP. BEEP.

ELANA (V.O.)
It didn't use to be this way. No. In fact, it wasn't supposed to be this way. I thought this whole plan would be a historical moment that sparked revolution. Nome was something to me. A home. A safe space. Even for those not like me. A spectacle of wonders.
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ELANA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Now, a decision that determines the fate of Nome is up to me.

They get her to a room and decide to do CPR onto her.

NURSE #1
Stand clear!

SHOCK. Elana's takes a deep breath.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

INT. ELANA'S HOUSE - BASEMENT - DAY

We hear Elana give a HEAVY SIGH. We hear switching of tools being used and the TAPPING of keys on a keyboard. Elana CLANKS metal with a hammer and a power drill SCREWS a nail. We also hear a chibi voice talking with Elana whose name is PROTO.

ELANA
(talking to herself)
If I put this over here and drill this in, then that will send neurons to the brain to give this arm movement...right? Maybe I need a...I don't know...Proto!

PROTO
Scanning!

We hear SCANS coming from Proto that almost sound like lasers.

PROTO (CONT'D)
You would need a battery or some type of powersource!

ELANA
Right. How could I forget. You're so smart. Thanks Proto.

PROTO
No problem! Happy face.

ELANA (V.O.)
Hi. I'm Elana. I'm a secret lil engineer in my mom's basement and I love robots! Kinda nerdy I know...and my lil sidekick on my wrist is Proto! She switches from an ordinary smart watch to a robot at a touch of a button.
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ELANA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
She was one of my firsts! Here, I work on my projects...but in secret. You'll see why in a few.

Elana SPINS her chair and the sound of wheels move forward to her monitor. She types profusely and we hear an ERROR coming from her monitor.

ELANA
Well, hypothesis #38 is a no go.

PROTO
Are we going to the junkyard today then?

ELANA
Gonna have to.

She WRITES on a notebook and suddenly we hear Elana's mom, GRACE (40), YELL from upstairs about going to the store.

GRACE
(calls out)
Elana, I need you to get some items for me sweetie. I have to stay here for the cable guy to get here. Something is wrong with the TV. What I need is on your door. I'm making my famous lasagna tonight. Invite Miguel if you want to, I know he's been dying to have some.

ELANA
(calls out)
Thank god. Gonna need it for brain fuel.

GRACE
Brain fuel? Elana, you betta not be making none of them...you know.

Elana yells back.

ELANA
Robots?

ELANA (V.O.)
Bingo! My mother despises robots. When robots first got here to Nome, it was weird for everyone and not many liked them. They had a few at my mom's job and when she came home one day, she was paranoid.
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ELANA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
When I ask her about it, she gives me the cold shoulder. Unfortunately for her though, she ended up giving birth to a nerd whose personality is built on that. I kinda even want to be one...which is why I'm building an arm attachment called, EMO. A name still in the works. Pretty cool right?

GRACE
Exactly. Though, if I'm feeling generous today, I'll buy you a treat. Your choice.

PROTO
I don't think she'll ever live up to what you think of me Elana.

ELANA
Yeah I know. I'll keep trying.

PROTO
Happy face.

Proto turns into back into a regular watch as we hear "Power Off". We hear Elana coming up the steps and she RIPS the paper off the door. She walks into the kitchen.

INT. HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

ELANA
How about a Robo Battery?

GRACE
That sounds like robot stuff. What did I just say?

ELANA
(persuading tone)
But mom, they're really great machines! Everyday it seems like half of Nome is dying and robots could provide so much assistance for us to change for the better.

GRACE
Everyone has fallen ill by the hand of the government. What do they do? Send us robots to take over people's jobs, lives, maybe even identity. The TCA knows what they're doing.

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ELANA
I think you're just thinking too negatively.

GRACE
And I think you're just too naive. They're dangerous Elana. I'm done talking about this.

ELANA (V.O.)
She doesn't understand.

GRACE
If you do this for me, I can gift you something else, okay?

ELANA
Roger.

GRACE
I love you. Please, Elana be careful.

ELANA
I will Mom, sheesh.

Elana puts on her beat up shoes and ties them up.

GRACE
Ah Ah!

ELANA
What did I do now?

GRACE
Where's your mask?

ELANA
Right right. Thanks mom. Cya soon.

Elana closes the door and heads out.

EXT. NOME CITY - DAY

ELANA (V.O.)
Here in Nome, everything is pretty much dirt poor. The people and the environment. The air here is so polluted that sometimes it's hard for you to see your way around. People have gotten diseases and fallen ill because of how bad the conditions are.

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