

“Let me begin by saying what a delight it is to be speaking to people who don’t know who I am. It’s a novel thing if I dare say. Now, where were we? Ah, yes. My name is Emery Shale. But everyone calls me Madame Shale. Think of it as a fun little nickname. If you’re watching this video recording then you must be very confused. And that’s alright, I’m here to explain everything. Let’s start right from the beginning.”

“Many years ago, the human race made the whole planet our home. It was a beautiful, wonderful age of innovation and culture. However, that time was brought to an end with the Synthetic Revolution. Synthetics, robots, rose up and waged war on humankind. As a- peaceful- people we found ourselves unable to battle the tide of mechanical violence raging all around us. Many humans, many good people, died. We were reduced down to three million. Which may sound like quite a lot, but when compared to the eight billion we once numbered at... The fall was a tragic time for humans. Tragic, indeed.”

“As of now, the last of the human race lives not far away from where we are now. Safely tucked away in the mountains, preparing to one day retake the planet for its rightful owners. But these things take time. Surrounding the entrance to the mountains, is a deep, cavernous trench known as Harmony Valley. The Synthetics and their army cannot reach the human stronghold without first passing through and taking Harmony Valley.”

“And so, many brave humans, some of whom are with you now, left their home and formed Harmony City. A defensive fortification all within the valley itself. These brave humans defend against Synthetic attacks, they hold off the threat that faces us all.”

“However, this was an imperfect solution. Against the Synthetic onslaught, many of those brave humans fell. They died at the metallic claws of the monsters who tear away at our home. Many of us searched for a solution. And I think you will find that none have been more

successful than the solution found by the Shale Future Foundation. The solution, found by yours truly.”

“Every resident of Harmony City has had their genetic material copied and stored. The same approach has been taken with their memories. With our miraculous technological strides, we’ve been able to clone those citizens. And so, when someone dies, we simply remove their clone from the tank and provide them with the memories of their corresponding human.”

“The result of this, is you.”

“At the end of this orientation, you will be presented with the clothing and effects found on the person of your former self at the moment of their death and you will be escorted to your home. Your employers have been notified of your recent demise and have made the appropriate allowances for your return into our wonderful culture of self-determination, our work for the good of humanity. Please be aware that allowance times, the period in which your employer will permit you to remain at home for recovery, will vary depending on the employer and the pressing needs of your position.”

“Of course, you are wondering how long it may take for your memories to return. This is highly dependent on your generation of cloning. If you are being cloned for the first time, you are a first generation clone, and your memories are likely to return within the next two days. Second and third generations of clones will likely take between four days and one week, respectively. As it stands, at the time of recording, we have yet to have clones of greater generations. But rest assured, we will continue to publish our guidelines on the care of newly born clones for employers and Harmony City residents to be advised by.”

“Now of course, you may find yourself asking about the synthetics, about your safety. After all, I’ve said already that we, the people of Harmony Valley, are the last defense against the

synthetic invaders. However, there is absolutely no need to fear them. They have never once attacked our valley and they never will. Why? Because of our brave soldiers in the Synthetic Repellant Group. For some of you, this will be your future. The SynthRep Group functions as Harmony's military, travelling beyond the valley to meet our brutal, metallic enemy in open combat. Many of you, in this room, are likely members of SynthRep, and to you I say thank you. I offer my undying respect and gratitude for securing a future within Harmony Valley."

"I extend my gratitude to all of you. You make up my most wonderful extended family. And be certain to look to the Shale Future Foundation for all of your service requirements and needs, perhaps even to some of our sister businesses. As a clone brought to live by our hands, we want to ensure your continued prosperity in Harmony. As such, your Clone Identification Card will even provide you with a 7% discount on all of our services. Thank you for your time and welcome to your new life in Harmony."