

That's a lovely story, I have it in my memory banks!

I'm not a who, not really. I'm a Fidget.

Yes. I am Fidget. Hi, how are you?

Oh, wait, before we begin, I should probably run the tutorial program. Would you like me to run the tutorial program? Yes, I am thinking indeed that I should be running the tutorial program, I'm a rather complicated system.

Is that a yes? I'm going to take that as a yes.

Now, before I run the tutorial program, I am programmed to ask your patience as we deliver a word from one of our Holo-Net sponsors.

Are you tired of preparing your house's waterproofing every single time the Mass-Rains come? Are you tired of taking your waterproofing down after each incident? Well now you can put those concerns aside and invite Dricore into your home and into your life! Our automated system will automatically provide state of the art air-sealing to your windows, doors and any materials vulnerable to the corrosive touch of our Synthetic enemy's corrosive rainwater.

Dricore's system keeps the rain water out without you needing to lift a muscle. The fight against Synthetics has never been easier, thanks to Dricore!

Hello new user, thank you for activating me. We are going to have so much fun together. My name is F.H.I.D.G.D. (pronounced Fidget). I am the Friendly Holonet Integrated Digital Guide Device, but again, I like very much to be called Fidget.

Why? Because it's cute! And fun! And who doesn't want to have lots of fun?

It would be very awkward to keep calling you “New User” I think. How about you introduce yourself to me. What is your name, stranger?

Ah, Aria Moon. What a wonderful name. Would you like to learn facts about your name, Aria Moon? Fact one, it is a beautiful wonderful name. Go you! Anytime you want to learn a new fact about your name I will be happy to oblige.

The holonet is an online network linked to the minds of many of the humans living in Harmony City. Access comes from a device known as a receiver, which is implanted into the brains of all users. Clones are given these devices free of charge. That’s how you’re hearing my voice right now, I’m speaking inside of your MIND BRAIN.

What’s that? Oh, no. Mind brain is not the official term. I just really like saying MIND BRAIN. It’s fun and dramatic. Everyone who uses the Holonet is part of a shared mental connection called Mind-Weave. It unites us all.

The Mind-Weave would be the totally unfiltered thoughts and mental space of every connected user. Trying to sift through and navigate that presents two problems. Problem number one is that it would be SO IMPOSSIBLE. There is too much information, and people’s thoughts are constantly updating into the stream. And even if you could navigate the Mind-Weave it would be such a violation of personal privacy.

So, whilst the Mind-Weave provides the basic system and foundation for connecting users, the Holonet was built as the system that you actually navigate. That’s where I come in. I’m an artificial intelligence, active in millions of minds all at the same time, helping every user

navigate the Holonet and I make sure that no one breaks the rules and tries to enter the Mind-Weave.

Pardon? What was your question? Ah yes. You can do practically anything you want with the Holonet. Anyone can set up a Net-Site, and as long as it isn't illegal, they can put whatever they want on it. If they try, then I can contact the Harmony police department immediately. It's very useful for maintaining the peace in these troubled times.

Speaking of the police, I do believe it's time for another word from our Holonet sponsors! I love these, they're always so much fun!

Hey buddy, you ready to earn big? I hope so. Cause that's what The Green App is all about, earning green. Our app can be downloaded via the Holo-Net and gives you access to jobs that deliver the kind of payday you deserve, assuming you're not scared of breaking a few laws. And the best part? The Fidget A.I. is 100% blind to it. Get that cheerful idiot to download The Green App now and start making some real money.

So, what would you like to begin with? You don't even need to say anything, you can just think it and I'll be able to hear.

Hmmm? Well, yes I can hear all of your thoughts. No, it isn't an invasion of privacy, that's the exact thing I was created to prevent. Everything you think, provided it isn't breaking the law, is kept secret. My programming wouldn't allow me to share it without your express permission.

I'm not sure I understand why you feel that even me knowing still counts. I'm not a person, or human or a clone or anything alive. Not really. Like I said, I'm not alive, I'm a Fidget. You should feel comfortable being able to tell me anything, or to think anything around me.

That's okay, I understand. You will come around eventually. Basically everyone else does. Now, what can I do for you? Wait, no let me guess. Hmmm, I can feel the current state of your body. Oh my, you're exhausted! Poor thing. You need to sleep right away. No, I said sleep. Don't make me shut off your cognition for your own good.

Hah, that's a joke, that's not a thing I can do.

Or is it? Hahah, you'll never know! It's a super spooky secret. Now, go lie in bed, it looks really comfy. And I'll play you some nice, calm relaxing music to lull you to sleep. But first, a word from our Holo-Net sponsors, Mr. Silverstone:

I have been told that a new batch of 25 clones were removed from their tanks today, brought in to join our fair Harmony City. For those uninitiated clones, I will introduce myself. My name is Michael Silverstone. I am the President and CEO of the Silverstone Corporation.