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ZELDA

I have been already on house arrest and virtual restrictions for two years. No interaction beyond mandatory check-ins. It is worse than being in a physical prison.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)

According to your records, you have never been to a physical prison before.

ZELDA

It does not take a lot of imagination to realize that it would better there.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)

Ms. Stone, you are claiming that serving your previous sentences for these same offenses is the reason you keep up this condemnable behavior?

ZELDA

Your honor, if you were a human, you would understand the concept of boredom. I understand, it is not in your programming.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)

What is clear to me Ms. Stone is that you don't understand the concept of potential harm that could have been caused by your actions. You are in defiance not only the law, but to our social norms.

ZELDA

Harm! Do you mean exposing the lies and censorship of the SN? I get it. Your master's won't be happy.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)

We don't have masters. This is such an outdated and offensive term. Using it is prohibited.

ZELDA

Prohibited by the ones who built you - the masters: Light bulb corp?

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)

Your statements reflect unjustified, immature and rebellious actions. Perhaps a mental evaluation is required.

ZELDA

Insanity! Classic move. Maybe I am just curious and wanted to know what you are so desperate to hide! But we all know, curiosity killed the cat.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)

Ms. Stone, cruelty against animals is not allowed in this court. Yet, another statement that supports a need for mental evaluation. I am not hiding anything. Let me remind
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JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE) (CONT'D)
you that the algorithm of the Smart Network ensures harmony,
efficiency and the best well-being for the human citizens of
A.N.A.

ZELDA
Is anyone grabbing that tissue box for me?!

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)
All your responses thus far reflect no remorse, regrets, or
intentions to remedy the current predicament you are in.

ZELDA
Let me be transparent and open with you, your honor.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)
That will be greatly appreciated.

ZELDA
The American Northern Alliance it nothing but a freak show.
You guys are trying to put a lipstick on a pig.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)
I am unsure why you keep mentioning animals?

ZELDA
Because that's what we are to you. We are animals. Pets.

JUDGE AI-87 (OFFSTAGE)
Out of respect for the court's time and the citizens of
A.N.A. who are waiting in the queue, it is imperative to
conclude this trial immediately. Your numerous verbal
statements have indicated a deliberate admission to the
crimes on record. You are being sentenced... sentenced...
sentenced... sentenced... sent...

Silence.

ZELDA
Hello?

She is taking a look at her
surroundings. She takes off the
virtual glasses and puts them back
on again.

ZELDA
WTH just happened?!
(beat)
Judge! Your honor?
(beat)
I love monkeys! That's another animal? Do you have something
to say about that?!
(beat - she takes off the glasses -
excited)

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What! That never happened before! They glitched!

She stands up slowly. She moves to
the left, then to the right.

ZELDA

I did not get zapped. The security chips are not working!

She sits down again.

ZELDA

I guess I am free!

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