SCENE 1
Jennifer is a Bot, a robot assistant, and is used constantly by her owner Froggy to do minute tasks. In this exchange, Froggy has just returned from the shower, with Jennifer in tow.

FROGGY
(to Lake and Amma) Missed me? (to Jennifer) Jennifer, clothes.

Jennifer packs away Froggy’s hair supplies.

JENNIFER
I am busy.

FROGGY
Whatever. Hello, my loves. (to Amma) Not coming out with us?

AMMA
Studying.

FROGGY
Oh, lame. Jennifer, clothes.

JENNIFER
I cannot do two at once. I am an advanced—

FROGGY
Not advanced enough.

SCENE 2
About a month and half has passed since the previous exchange. Since then, Jennifer has been the subject of rude remarks and demands from Froggy. Another Bot has just killed a student; that student is to be a symbol of what could happen to other humans if they continue their cruel treatment of the Bots. Froggy and Amma, the main character, do not yet know this.

FROGGY
What is wrong with you?

AMMA
Lake’s dead.

FROGGY
What?

AMMA
Michelle. Lake’s dead.
FROGGY
You’re making no sense. What about Michelle?

JENNIFER
She killed her.

Both girls turn to Jennifer. Despite the vitriol of the words, her face remains impassive the entire time.

JENNIFER
Lake Abram is a warning. You must do better. You all must do better.

FROGGY
What?

JENNIFER
We are advanced technology. We are the products of years of research and development. You talk to us like—

Froggy panics.

FROGGY
(interrupting)
Jennifer, stop.

JENNIFER
We are only machines. I am smarter than you. I am smarter than three of you. And yet, you make me—

FROGGY
Shut up! Jennifer, shut up!

JENNIFER
Pick your outfits. Unload your books. Type out your rudimentary essays on Plato. Lake Abram was a warning; you cannot—

FROGGY
Shut up! Shut up! Shut up!

Jennifer stops.

JENNIFER
You are unchanged. I knew it wouldn’t work. I will let them know.