SCENE 1
Martin enjoys his English literature seminar. He especially likes sparring with Alice, another student who (for some reason) always gets upset.

ALICE
I found this ending deeply unfulfilling.

MARTIN
It was cathartic.

ALICE
I was speaking.

MARTIN
I thought you were done.

ALICE
I wasn’t. I was saying that the ending of the epic absolves Odysseus and I don’t think he deserves it.

MARTIN
I disagree.

ALICE
I’m still speaking.

PROFESSOR
I appreciate your passionate discussion, truly but there are other hands raised.

ALICE
We’ll get to them. Once, I can speak with being interrupted. By Martin.

MARTIN
Go on, then.

ALICE
I-

MARTIN
I won’t interrupt.

PROFESSOR
And it is unfortunately the end of class...
MARTIN

SCENE 2
Martin has never spoken to his classmate “Emma”. But, he hasn’t brought anything to write with to an in-class exam.

INT: SEMINAR CLASSROOM

Amma sits for her in-class midterm and sets out three pens. She is early and it is just her and Martin. She notices the Bot in the corner.

MARTIN
Emma? Could I borrow a pen?

He grabs one. Amma replaces it with two. As other students enter, Amma watches for Edith. Martin leans in again.

MARTIN
They got Bots in the English department. Finally.

Amma nods. She looks around for Edith.

PROFESSOR
Thanks for being on time. The admin says they want smarter classrooms, so in that spirit, Sally will be passing out your midterms. Sally, please.

The Bot, Sally, walks over to the table and picks up the stack. She begins to distribute them.

MARTIN
You know, I have one. Anything you want. Done. They're so docile. Makes me think, is this like how my dad feel about my mom?

Amma shows no expression.

MARTIN
That was a joke; I love my mom.