

CONCEPTION

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INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

NAT WARNER, a 26-year-old inventor, is building a robotic contraption. She stands over the counter, safety goggles on and tools in hand. Various mechanical parts and other random junk are scattered across the kitchen table and counter. A phone is set up on a tripod on the table.

Nat puts the finishing touches on the robotic prototype and takes off her safety goggles. She hits record on her phone.

NAT  
Hello, I'm Natalie Warner, and this is  
a test of prototype BZ-8E.

Nat powers on the robot, and it begins to slowly move towards her. The robot then malfunctions before falling over and shutting off. Nat slams her fist in anger before tossing the failed prototype into a nearby junk pile. Nat stops the recording and takes her phone. She exits, disappointed.

INT. LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Nat drags herself into the room and slams her phone on the table. She sinks down in her chair.

NAT  
This whole thing was a waste.

Suddenly, Nat gets an alert on her phone. Nat takes a look at her phone and gets an idea.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Nat stands before the counter, working on another prototype, BZ-9E. She completes the prototype, which utilizes an iPhone for a face. Nat lifts up her goggles and takes a step back.

NAT  
Here we go. Nine time's the charm.

Nat presses the button to power BZ-9E on, but nothing happens. Nat tries it again -- nothing.

Nat takes a deep sigh before removing her goggles. She places the goggles on the table before exiting.

BZ-9E sits on the counter, plugged into a nearby outlet. After a moment, BZ-9E powers on, revealing bright blue eyes. It begins to scan the area and crawl along the counter with its mechanical legs.

BZ-9E then notices a box of "Life" cereal on the counter. As BZ-9E begins to inspect the box, it begins to tip over. BZ-9E tries to crawl away, but the plug from the outlet prevents the robot from getting too far.

After enough effort, BZ-9E is able to free itself, but the momentum causes BZ-9E to fall to the floor. BZ-9E looks around the room in amazement before bumping into Nat's foot, which causes BZ-9E to look up.

Nat looks down at BZ-9E in amazement before crouching down to get a better view. She reaches out her hand towards BZ-9E, who looks confused.