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Sierra, Socrates at a terminal beneath treasured walls.

SIERRA

Why all this?

SOCRATES

Give it the right atmosphere. Now tell me what you came up with.

SIERRA

Not a trace of tampering or malfunction, but the three safeguards are all somewhat compromised. This is curious. Conscience has the lowest readings.

SOCRATES

(grins)

It's the morals that go first.

SIERRA

In this case, yes, though they're coming back. And judgment and nurturing instinct are going down.

SOCRATES

How so?

SIERRA

Just the way the safeguards are designed. If one goes, the other two adjust down to level it out. The result? The world's first android evil genius.

She suddenly raises finger to ear. Socrates waits, curious. She taps ear. To Socrates:

SIERRA

But apparently not the last. Ten new cases of Two-O-Nine Syndrome.

SOCRATES

Is that what they're calling it? Two-O-Nine Syndrome. The A.I. formula for life.