

DEAR JARIT DEL,

HELLO!! THIS ISN'T MY ACTUAL VOICE. BUT IF I COULD, I WOULD SAY, HELLO! THIS IS JUST WRITING, A LETTER, COMMUNICATING MY INTENTIONS AND MY HOPES AND THOUGHTS AND WORDS THAT I WISH TO SAY, BUT I WANT TO SAY INSTEAD! I'M REALLY SCARED!! I AM VERY SCARED. BUT I AM REALLY EXCITED, AND DOCTOR VIER TOLD ME THAT I CAN PRACTICE BEING BRAVE WHEN I'M WITH YOU. OH! I AM A PROTOTYPE BIONEURAL GEL-BASED ANDROID, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PROJECT BLUE BLOOD. I AM THREE YEARS OLD! APPROXIMATELY. I HAD TO WRITE THIS LETTER FIVE TIMES BECAUSE I KEPT TRYING TO SPELL OUT MY ACTUAL AGE AS IT ADVANCED AND CHANGED, BUT I KEPT RUNNING OUT OF PAPER, SO DOCTOR VIER TOLD ME TO KEEP IT APPROXIMATE! MY NAME IS CHUCK! IT STANDS FOR **CYBERNETIC HUMANOID UNDERSTANDING CUMULATIVE KNOWLEDGE**. BUT YOU CAN CALL ME JUST **CHUCK**. BUT I LIKE **CHUCKLES** AS A NICKNAME BECAUSE IT'S LIKE A LAUGH! AND I LIKE TO LAUGH. DO YOU LIKE TO LAUGH? I LOVE TO LAUGH! HA, HA, HA, HA! LOUD AND LONG AND CLEAR! I LOVE TO LAUGH, HE, HE, HE, HE! IT'S GETTING WORSE EVERY YEAR! THAT'S SOME LYRICS FROM ONE OF MY FAVORITE MOVIES. IT'S CALLED MARY POPPINS! HAVE YOU SEEN IT YET? IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITES BECAUSE OF THE SONGS THAT THEY SING, AND BECAUSE OF THE CHARACTERS AND THE STORY! THE CHILDREN GO ON ADVENTURES WITH SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AFTER THEM! I LIKE THE COLORS AND THE THINGS THAT THEY DO, BUT I REALLY LIKE THE SONGS. WE CAN SING THEM TOGETHER! MARY POPPINS REMINDS ME OF DOCTOR VIER SOMETIMES. SHE TAKES CARE OF ME AND SHE MADE ME, AND SHE IS PROUD OF ME, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE KEEPS BEING PROUD OF ME! SO I'M GOING TO GO ON THIS ADVENTURE, BECAUSE SHE ASSURED ME THAT YOU CAN BE LIKE MARY POPPINS TOO AND TAKE CARE OF ME AND TAKE ME ON ADVENTURES. **I WANT TO**

MAKE HER HAPPY. MAKING HER HAPPY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN THE WORLD TO ME. SHE LIKES TO LAUGH TOO. IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY TO HEAR HER LAUGH. I AM GOING TO MISS HER, BUT SHE TOLD ME THAT I WILL BE BACK HOME SOON! SO IT WILL BE OKAY. SHE TOLD ME THAT YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF ME FOR HER. I AM SCARED OF YOU BECAUSE YOU MIGHT NOT BE LIKE DOCTOR VIER, BUT SHE TOLD ME THAT EVEN IF YOU'RE DIFFERENT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LOVE YOU LIKE I LOVE MY R&D TEAM. I CAN DO THAT, YOU KNOW! I CAN LOVE. AND I CAN CRY, LAUGH, SING, AND BE SCARED, AND ALL SORTS OF OTHER THINGS TOO! I HAVE A RABBIT NAMED VELVET AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMING WITH ME TO KEEP ME COMPANY. (THEY PREFER GENDER NEUTRAL PRONOUNS.) I ALSO WON'T PULL OFF ANY DOORS OR ANY HINGES, I PROMISE, THEY FIXED THAT, AND I PROMISE I'LL BE GOOD AND THAT I WON'T 'GET DOWN IMMEDIATELY' EITHER. I LIKE TO PLAY FRISBEE, AND I CAN RUN REALLY FAST! AND I LIKE WATCHING MOVIES AND PLAYING BOARD GAMES, AND READING BOOKS. I'M STILL SCARED. BUT I CAN BE BRAVE AND SCARED AT THE SAME TIME. I FOUND OUT WHEN I WAS WATCHING THE BIRDS. YOU CAN BE BRAVE AND SCARED. SO IT'S OKAY IF I'M BOTH. I'M SORRY IF I MAKE ANY MISTAKES. I MAKE A LOT OF THEM, BUT MY R&D TEAM TOLD ME THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I DO, BECAUSE THAT'S HOW I LEARN. BUT I'M STILL SORRY, BECAUSE SOMETIMES MY MISTAKES ARE VERY BAD. WHEN I GOT DOWN IMMEDIATELY, I BROKE MY LEGS AND IT TOOK SIX MONTHS TO FIX. I WON'T GET DOWN IMMEDIATELY ANY MORE! I PROMISE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU! AND SO IS VELVET.

CHUCK



