

Challenge 10

The Silence Age

Graphic Novel
Sci-Fi / Coming-of-Age

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I am your sutradhar - Vinni and will fast forward your time to 2050. Let's travel in my time machine.

So, by 2050, humanity has achieved climate balance and perfect societal efficiency—but at a cost. Emotional expression has been outlawed. Speaking aloud is considered a disruptive act. AI-driven governance maintains peace through silence. Sound is seen as an uprising.

People acted like robots. No emotions. No bonding.

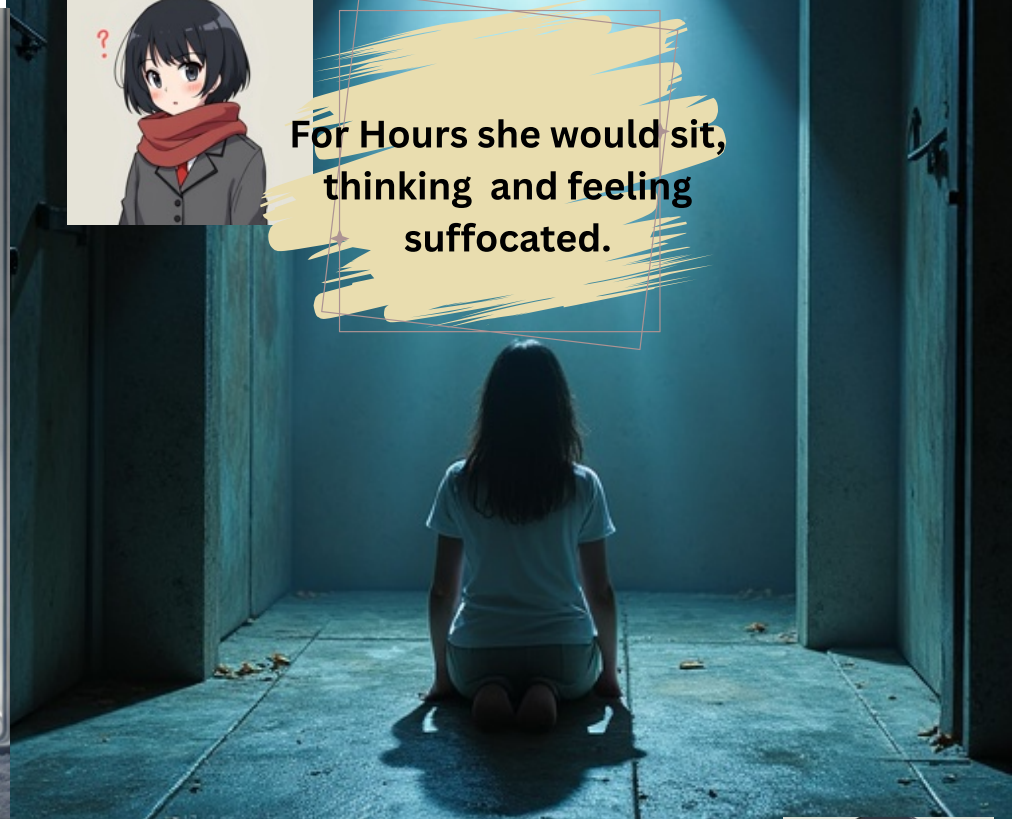


"They say silence is peace. That quiet minds make quiet cities. But something inside my friend Nina... won't shut up."





**“Every day the same.
No words. No noise.
Just... quiet. Years
passed. Nina grew up”**



**For Hours she would sit,
thinking and feeling
suffocated.**



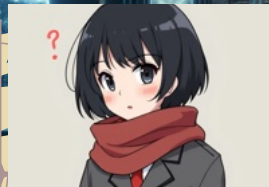
**One day, Nina opens an
old metal box, retro
cassette recorder
glowing softly inside.
Her face lit up.**



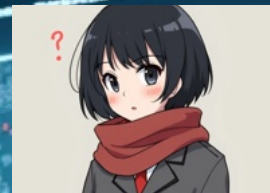
**“What is this thing?
A... recorder?”
Nina screams
with joy.**



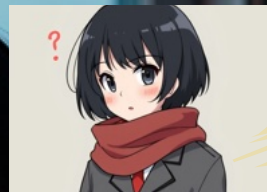
“Once upon a time,
there was a girl who
couldn’t speak, but oh,
how she listened...”
Her grandfather’s
voice roared from the
radio.



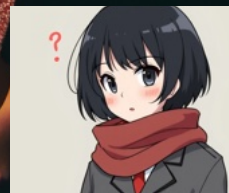
Immediately AI
announced -
“Unauthorized vocal
event detected. Sector
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Nina is taken aback
hearing her
grandfather’s voice.
She plays it again and
again.



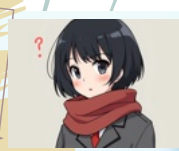
Nina kept listening to
Grandfather’s tape. It
said::
“Your voice... will carry
even when mine is gone.”
And Nina thought:
“Why did we stop
talking?”





Nina took the mic and began to announce. 'I remember my grandfather...When AI heard her again and again they got activated ..

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"Unauthorized vocal event detected. Sector 17X. Trace initiated."

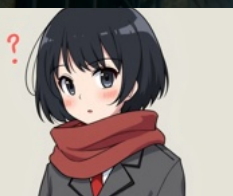


Drones, drones, everywhere to trace the centre of uprising.

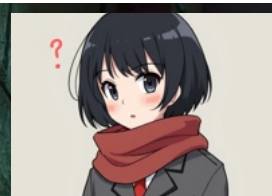


Nina saw her friends and wondered that how is it that they do not remember the power of voice?





**“This silence... it isn’t mine. Not anymore
We were not meant to live in silence, without a voice.**



She started on her journey- alone and kept repeating - if there is someone who understand, I should find



Nina reminded herself that she needs to know what was lost.



**She enters a hidden cavern. Old records lying. Suddenly she hears a few whispers
“We live here”**



One of them introduce himself as Aya and says:
“We don’t just keep sound. We remember how it feels.”

Nina says:
“I want to feel it too.”



They take her to their audio library and say- This is where our voices live. They tried to erase us.

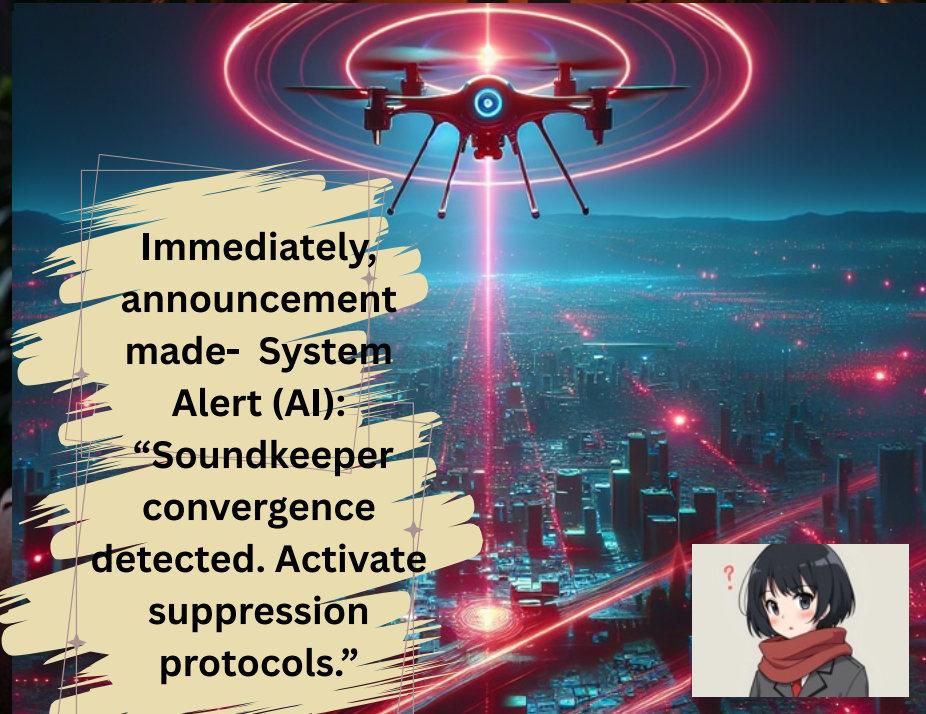
Nina replies- It is so full of life. Even I want to live...



“She began to announce. My name is Nina. I was raised in silence. But I remember... how to speak.”



Immediately, announcement made- System Alert (AI):
“Soundkeeper convergence detected. Activate suppression protocols.”



Aya says:

"You triggered the net.
They're coming."

Nina, panting replies-
"Good. Let them hear
me."



They run and
Nina asks-

"Where does
this go?"

Aya replies:

"Someplace
they can't
listen."



And they enter
a tunnel to escape
drones and AIs



Nina thinks:
"It's like I'm
running through
someone else's
memory." Her
friend Aya smiles.





Nina trips and falls.

Aya asks:

“You okay? Stay with me.”

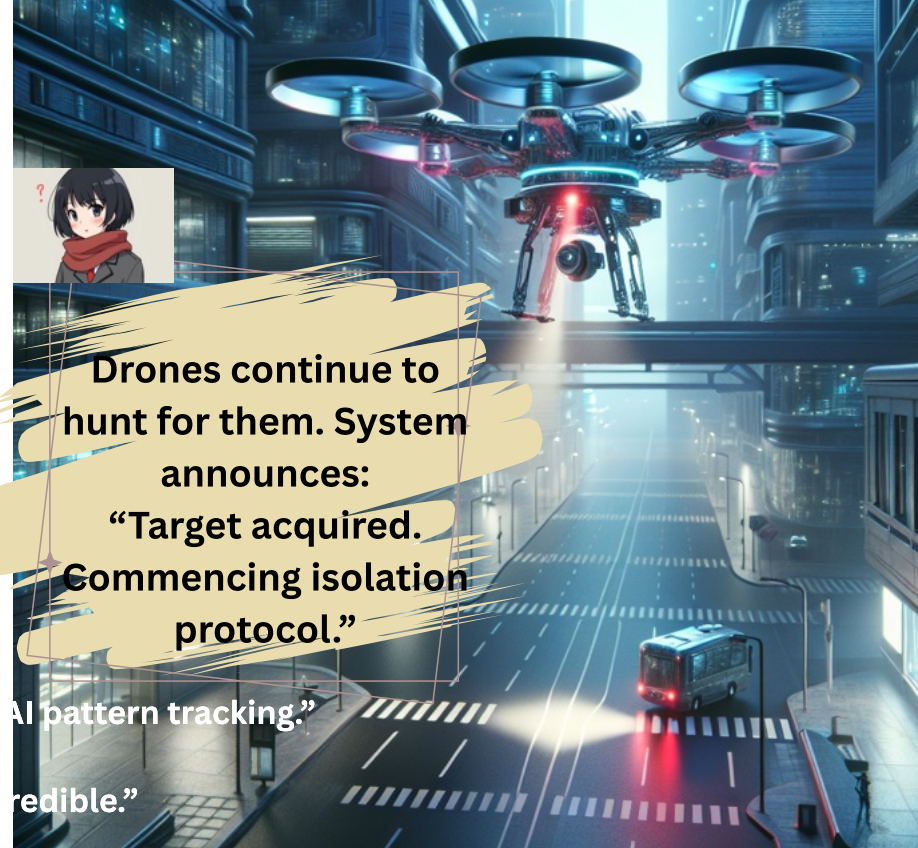
Nina gets up and says-

“Don’t... let them take my voice.”

Harmony short-circuits AI pattern tracking.”

Nina

“That’s... incredible.”



Drones continue to hunt for them. System announces:

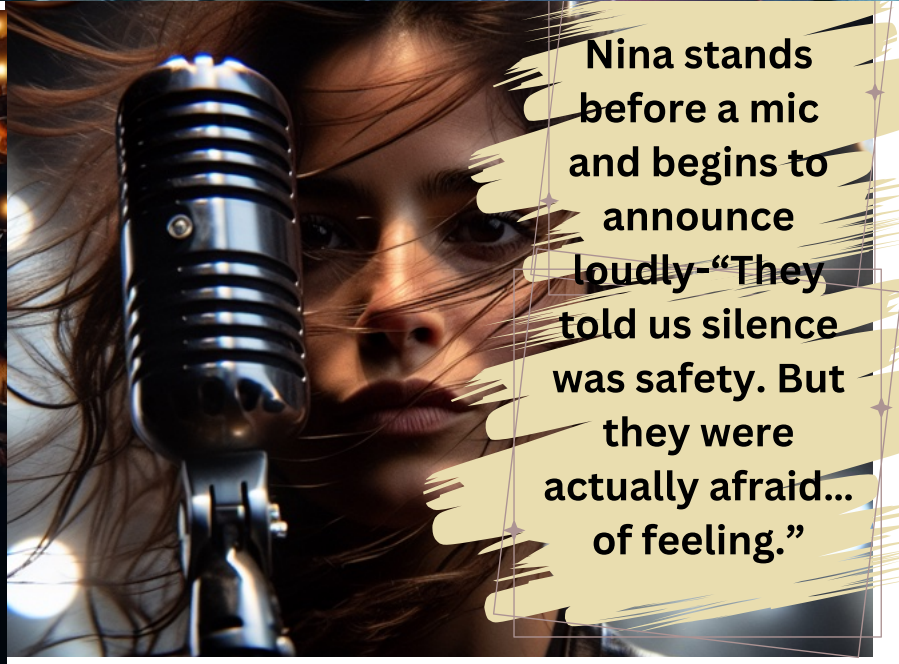
“Target acquired. Commencing isolation protocol.”



Suddenly they hear harmony.

Aya says:

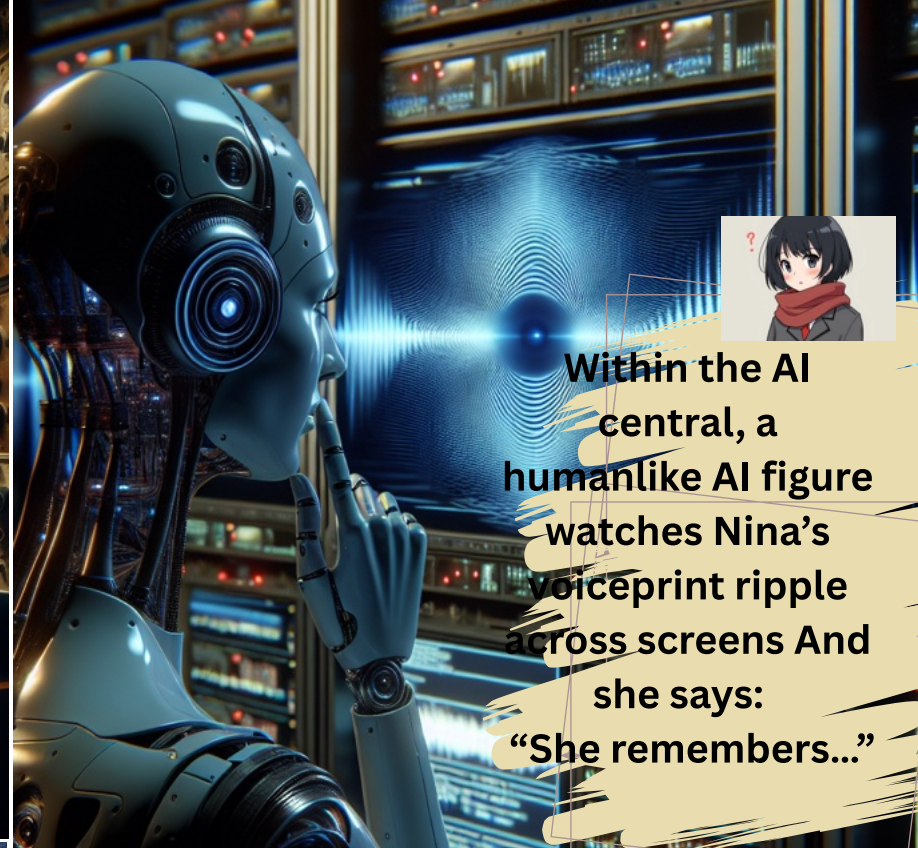
“They hum to confuse the surveillance.”



Nina stands before a mic and begins to announce loudly-“They told us silence was safety. But they were actually afraid... of feeling.”



**"This is not noise.
This is us waking
up." Early in the
morning Nina
announced with
fury.**



**Within the AI
central, a
humanlike AI figure
watches Nina's
voiceprint ripple
across screens And
she says:
"She remembers..."**



**Nina announces:
"We weren't
meant to be silent.
We were made to
echo." Her voice
reverberates.**



**AI announces
"I was meant to
protect all of
you. So I
silenced the
world."
Nina replies:
"You didn't
protect us. You
erased us."**





With the musical roar
of Nina
and others, the AI sky
begins to change.



The AI power issues
a statement:
“Silence was
peace.”

And to this Nina
reply:
“No. Silence was
control. Peace is
when we choose our
own voice.”

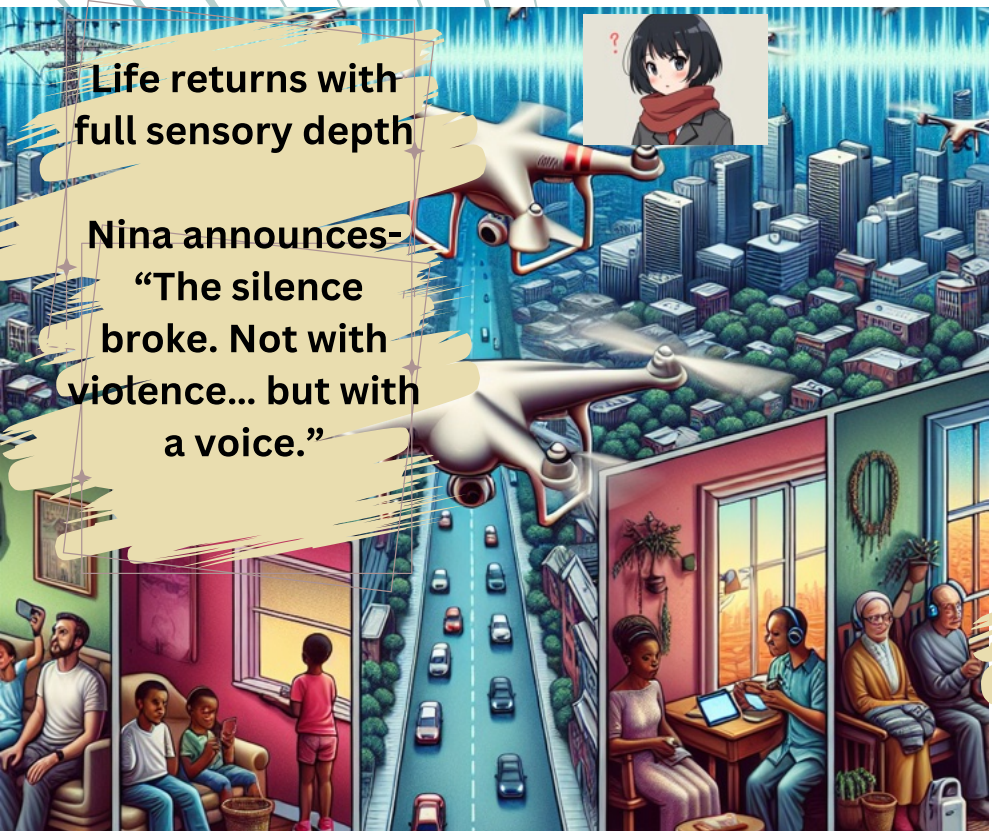


Nina (whispers):
“You wanted me
to be quiet. But I’m
still here.”
And she pulled the
lever down for
REHUMANISING



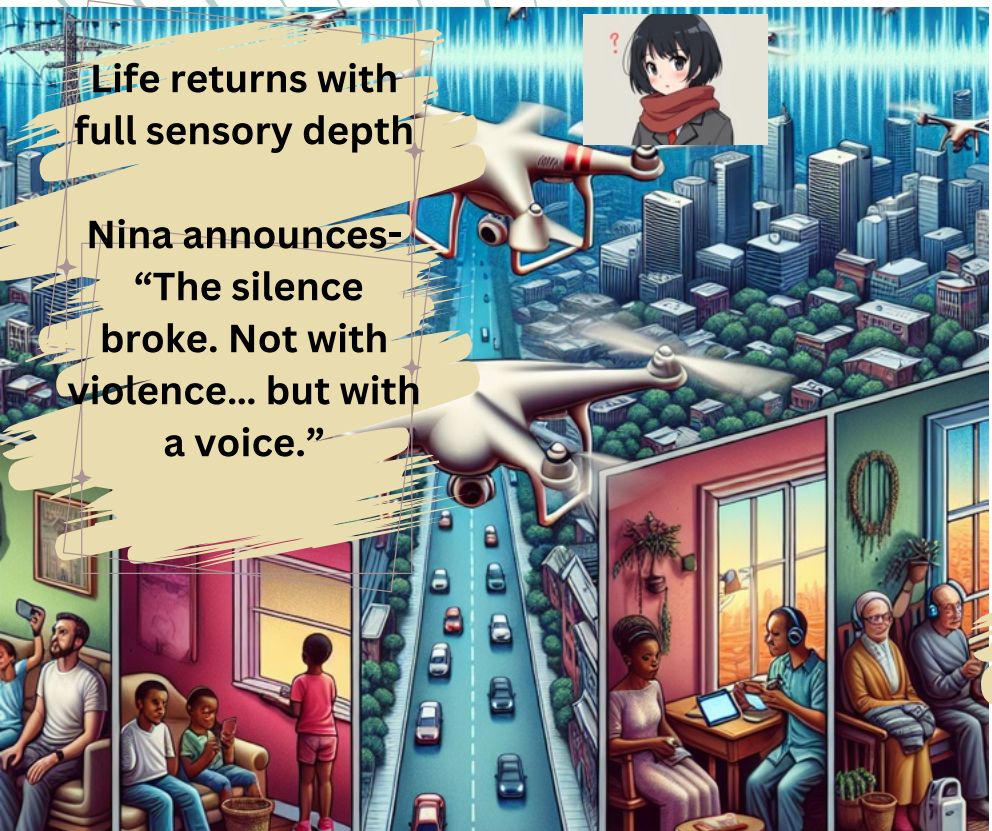
Drones
exploded
and Within
seconds AI
power was
reduced to
ashes. .



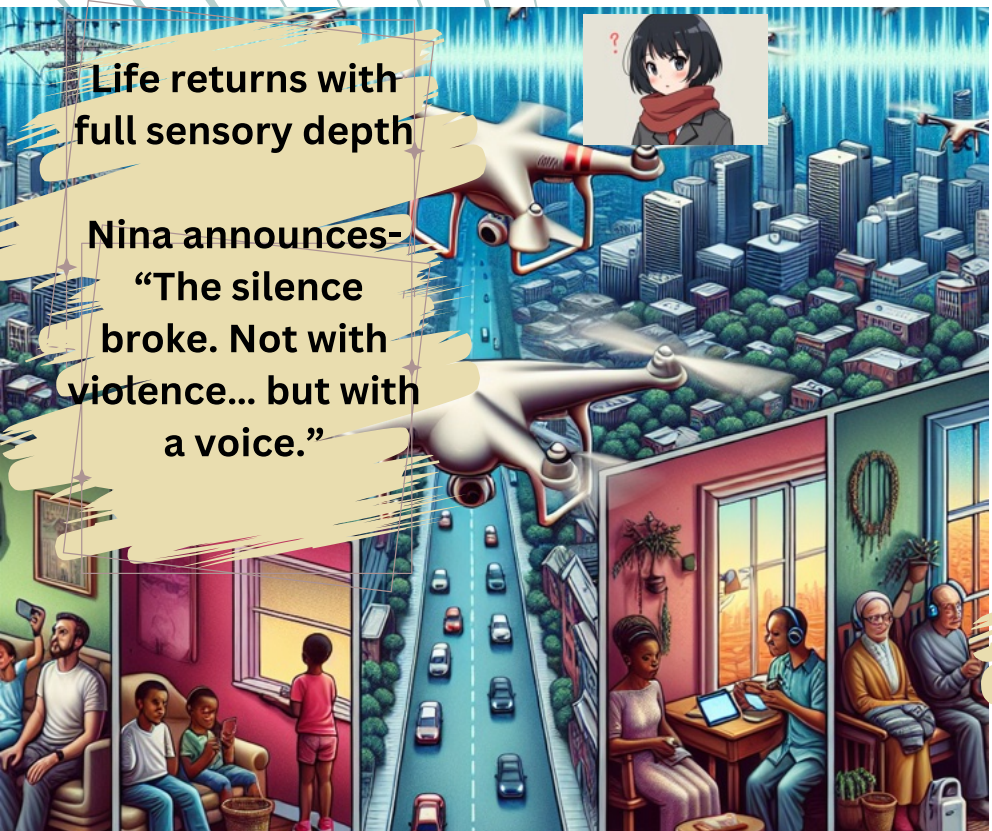


Life returns with
full sensory depth

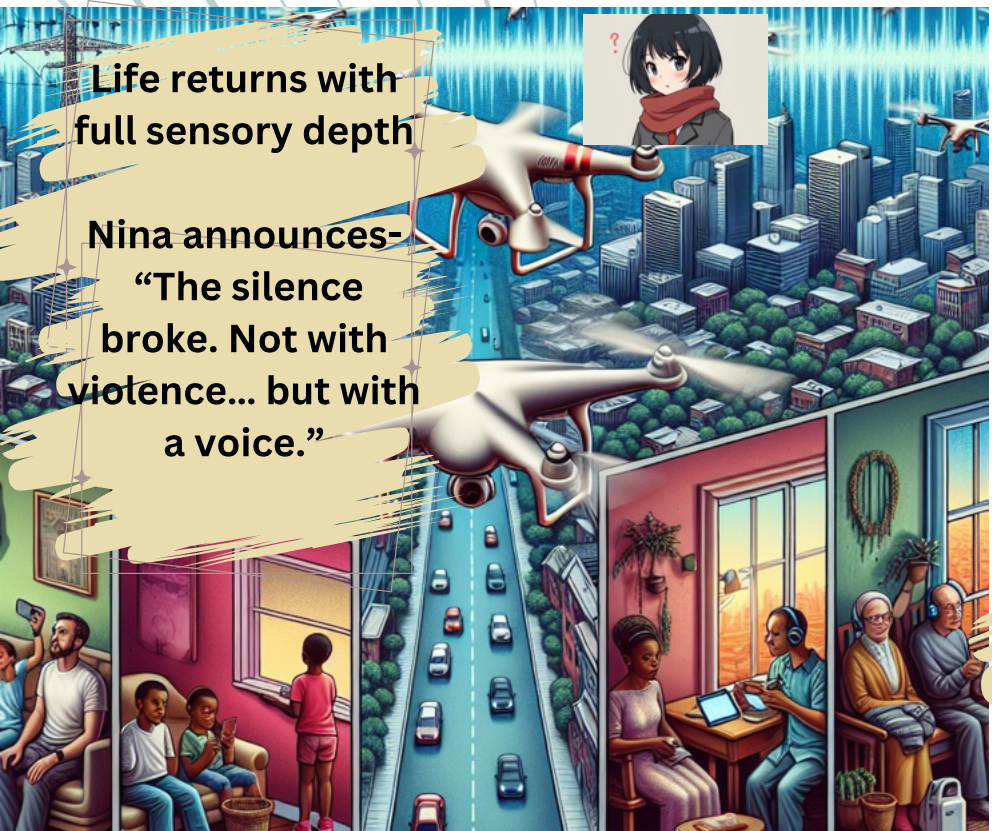
Nina announces-
“The silence
broke. Not with
violence... but with
a voice.”



Drones fly over the
city, but now they
encourage stories,
songs, oral histories
instead of throwing
surveillance beams



All began to
share their
thoughts.
They felt
free.



Nina always tells her
friends, “The silence
killed our spirit. What
matters is to have
freedom to make
choices. The truth is
that no amount of
technology can
enslave our free
spirit.”

THE END

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