

THE FUTURE IS SMALL TALK

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EXT. STREET - DAY

NICOLE, 21-years-old, baggy jeans, baggy top, tote-bagged, is walking down the pavement, on her phone. PHOEBE, 20-years-old, skinny jeans, shiny jacket, stops Nicole.

PHOEBE

Hey! Is your name Nicole?

NICOLE

Yeah, why?

PHOEBE

Okay nice, don't be alarmed. I am your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great granddaughter from the future!

NICOLE

Huh... I didn't think I'd have kids.

PHOEBE

That's what you're surprised at?

NICOLE

Oh sorry, you're right. Do I need to save the world or something?

PHOEBE

No... That's all just science fiction. I had to take leave to come here. This is a holiday.

NICOLE

Oh... You wanna hang out then?

Phoebe nods.

NICOLE

Let's go.

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EXT. PARK - DAY

Nicole and Phoebe are sitting on a bench in silence.

NICOLE

So... What's future Singapore look like?

PHOEBE

Honestly, pretty similar.

NICOLE

Huh...

PHOEBE

Although... I guess we can't go to the ocean anymore.

NICOLE

...What happened to the ocean?

Phoebe has a whiteboard, draws on it.

PHOEBE

Well, the oceans kept rising, you know, global warming and stuff. So, they decided to build this really big pillar and put the island on it.

NICOLE

(pointing)

How did you... Where'd that come from?

PHOEBE

Huh? Oh, don't worry about it. Future tech.

NICOLE

...Ok. Well, in that case, you want to go to the beach?

3 EXT. BEACH - DAY

Nicole and Phoebe are sitting on a beach mat.

PHOEBE

Wah...

NICOLE

Nice, right? You wanna swim?

PHOEBE

Nah, I'll just watch.

They sit in silence.

NICOLE

Hey, I was just wondering... Do you know how I die?

PHOEBE

Do you really wanna know that?

NICOLE

Hmm... No...

PHOEBE

Good, I didn't even know.

NICOLE

What about my husband? Who do I marry?

PHOEBE

Umm, some guy named Terrence?

NICOLE

Terrence?! Guess I should reply to him.

PHOEBE

Yea, for my sake too.

NICOLE

You? Any boyfriend?

PHOEBE

I like girls.

NICOLE

Oh. Girlfriend?

PHOEBE

Yep, I love her.

NICOLE

That's good.

They sit in silence. Phoebe checks her watch.

PHOEBE

Okay, I think it's about time I head back.

NICOLE

So soon?

They stand up.

PHOEBE

Yeah. I have to get back to work tomorrow so I wanna spend the rest of the night gaming.

NICOLE

Ah yeah, I get that.

PHOEBE
Hey, but, this was fun. I know it
was short but I'm glad I got to
meet you.

NICOLE
Aw, me too.

Nicole embraces Phoebe. Phoebe is hesitant but hugs back.

NICOLE
So, what now? How do you get back?

PHOEBE
I can just walk away, it'll take me
back.

NICOLE
Wow.

PHOEBE
Yep, I'll see you around!

Phoebe walks away.

NICOLE
Bye! I'll miss you!
(beat)
Wow, she really did disappear.
That's crazy.

Nicole's phone rings. It's her boss, she answers.

NICOLE
Hey boss... Why didn't I come to
work today?
(smiles)
...I spent time with my family.
(frowns)
I'm fired?!

THE END.