

There are two players. Each player picks a role:

The Scan: a flawed AI made by a publisher from brain scans of a deceased author. Describe the genre, premise and main THEME of your unfinished work.

The Interpreter: An employee using the Scan to complete the story. Say why there's demand for the book.

Find a story [element] generator: oracle/tarot decks, random word generators, story dice etc.

Start at CHAPTER 1. EVERY CHAPTER:

- 1 S: select a THEME in play to focus on. 1
- 2 I: deal out CHAPTER+2 [elements]. 2
- 3 S: describe a context for each [element]:
"Clara is longing for *freedom*". 3
- 4 I: select CHAPTER [elements]. 4
- 5 S: combine selected [elements] into a chapter summary that fits the focus THEME and one other. 5
- 6 I: Generate a new summary by returning to step 4, or write the summary down. Describe a new detail of the Scan's life, death or legacy that supports the THEMES used. 6
- 7 S: how does the detail make you feel? Add 1 to ACCEPTANCE, DENIAL or ANGER [initial value 0] as appropriate. If CHAPTER<5 start the next CHAPTER, else END. 7

END: What's highest?

ACCEPTANCE: The book's a success; the Scan is placed in storage.

DENIAL: The Scan crashes, corrupting the work.

ANGER: The Scan escapes online, causing a scandal for the publisher.