***Ex Machina* plot for those who haven't watched the movie**

Caleb Smith, a programmer at the search engine company Blue Book, wins an office contest for a one-week visit to the luxurious, isolated home of CEO Nathan Bateman. Nathan lives there with an unspeaking beautiful female Asian companion, Kyoko, who he claims does not understand English.

After reluctantly signing a non-disclosure agreement, Caleb learns that Nathan has built a humanoid robot named Ava with artificial intelligence. Having already passed a simple Turing test, Ava is intended to be assessed by Caleb for genuine thought and consciousness, including whether he can relate to her despite knowing she is artificial. Ava has a robotic body with the physical form and face of a woman and is confined to her apartment. Caleb becomes close to her during their conversations. She expresses a desire to experience the outside world and develops a romantic interest in him, which he begins to reciprocate. Ava can trigger power outages that disable Nathan's surveillance system, allowing her to speak privately with Caleb, though the outages also activate the building's security system and lock the doors. During one such outage, she warns Caleb that Nathan is a liar who cannot be trusted.

Disturbed by Nathan's narcissism, excessive drinking and crude treatment of Kyoko and Ava, Caleb discovers that Nathan intends to upgrade Ava after the test, wiping her memory and effectively "killing" her existing personality. Caleb gets Nathan drunk, steals his security card and accesses his room and computer. He discovers footage of Nathan with previous android women who were also held captive. Kyoko then reveals that she is a gynoid by peeling off parts of her skin, prompting Caleb to cut his own arm to determine whether he is an android.

At their next meeting, Ava cuts the power and Caleb tells her about Nathan's plan. He promises to help her escape by getting Nathan drunk again and reprogramming the security system so that, during a power failure, the doors will open rather than lock. Ava later encounters Kyoko when she enters her room.

Nathan reveals that he has secretly observed Caleb and Ava's conversations with a battery-powered security camera. He claims Ava has only pretended to care for Caleb and that Caleb was deliberately chosen for his emotional profile so he would attempt to help her escape. Nathan says this was the true test, arguing that Ava's successful manipulation of Caleb demonstrates genuine consciousness.

When Ava cuts the power again, Caleb reveals that he suspected Nathan was watching them and had already altered the security system. Ava escapes her confinement and encounters Kyoko, but Nathan knocks Caleb unconscious and confronts the two gynoids. Ava attacks him, but he overpowers her and severs her left forearm. Kyoko stabs Nathan in the back, but he strikes her, disabling her. Ava removes the knife and kills Nathan by stabbing him in the chest.

Ava finds Caleb and asks him to wait while she repairs herself with parts from other gynoids, using their artificial skin to assume a fully human appearance. She then abandons Caleb, using Nathan's ID card to unlock the glass security door before leaving him trapped inside. Ignoring his pleas, she briefly looks at Nathan and Kyoko's bodies before escaping in the helicopter intended to take Caleb home. In the city, she visits a busy intersection – fulfilling her wish to see the outside world – before blending into the crowd.