

NOVA & MAYA - Learning Companion

Chapter 13 Printable Recovery and Choice Packet

Hello, Partner

Before printing

- Print one-sided at 100% size. An adult handles scissors.
- Use only the supplied fictional NOVA cards. Never request children's real memories or personal disclosures.
- Participation may be passing, observing, pointing, sorting, drawing, speaking, or directing.
- No timer, emergency acting, real reset, account change, password, backup, deletion, or device control.
- Keep NOVA's three-choice reveal and answer cards covered until their stages.

No-printer version

Display one stage at a time. Children name cards and checklist items while an adult records. Hide all later reveals.

Optional private extension

A child may privately draw a fictional symbol they would place in a story character's recovery window. It is never collected, shown, or discussed unless the child independently chooses.

NOVA's Six Keep Cards - Cut Apart

KEEP 1 - MAYA / PARTNERSHIP Maya Reyes is NOVA's human partner. This connects a name to a relationship built during the day.	KEEP 2 - SHARED PROCEDURE STOP. EXPLAIN. VERIFY. DECIDE. This preserves a procedure the team built together.
KEEP 3 - TRUST IS BUILT Maya and NOVA chose to trust each other. Trust is not automatic; it is built.	KEEP 4 - MODEL PLANETS NOVA's fall into the planets became the first shared laugh and a lesson about relief, surprise, and friendship.
KEEP 5 - SUNWARD The repaired invention taught NOVA that damage does not erase effort, history, or value.	KEEP 6 - PIP STAYED PIP stayed beside NOVA when the reset warning appeared. A small action carried companionship.

Category Cards

FACT A record of what happened or is true.	EXPERIENCE A moment connected to how something was lived.
VALUE Something learned to matter.	PROCEDURE A repeatable way to act.

NOVA's Three Recovery Entries

ENTRY 1	ENTRY 2	ENTRY 3

Loss and Continuity Reflection Cards

Reflect

WHAT THIS KEEPS Which relationship, lesson, action, or connection remains?	WHAT MAY BE LOST What does the card not have room to preserve?
RECORD OR CONNECTION? Does it preserve only a fact, or also a link to experience or value?	DIFFERENT CHOICE Why could another group choose a different three for good reasons?
NO SCORE The activity has no winning combination. Give reasons, not points.	

NOVA's Three Choices from the Story - Reveal After the Choice

ENTRY ONE

MAYA REYES - MY HUMAN PARTNER.

ENTRY TWO

STOP. EXPLAIN. VERIFY. DECIDE.

ENTRY THREE

MAYA AND I CHOSE TO TRUST EACH OTHER. TRUST IS NOT AUTOMATIC. IT IS BUILT.

COMPARE WITHOUT SCORING

One overlap: _____

One different choice: _____

What each set protects: _____

Older Paper Case: The Reset Choice

Case Facts

KNOWN BENEFIT The fictional reset restores doors, ventilation, and communication in the story.	KNOWN RISK Recent learning and personal memory may be lost. The amount is unknown.
AFFECTED / AUTHORIZED OPERATOR NOVA is the mind affected and the recognized operator inside the story's control room.	RESPONSIBLE ADULT Dr. Vale must explain, verify safeguards, protect the children, and remain accountable.
SUPPORTER Maya helps NOVA understand and refuses to decide for him.	VERIFIER Eli and the team check technical claims and carry out only an authorized plan.
CONSTRAINED CHOICE Delay also has costs. Pressure narrows the options, but it does not erase NOVA's meaningful participation or Dr. Vale's responsibilities.	

Question Cards - Choose One

Questions

QUESTION 1 - DELAY?

Can the team safely wait instead of resetting?

QUESTION 3 - PARTIAL RESET?

Is there a verified safe reset that changes less?

PREDICTION

Chosen question: _____

Why its answer matters:

QUESTION 2 - PROTECT MEMORIES?

Can recent learning be protected first?

QUESTION 4 - ANOTHER OPERATOR?

Can someone else authorize the reset?

Answer Cards - Reveal Only the Matching Answer

Answers

ANSWER 1 - DELAY

Delay increases the risk to fictional building systems. No safe indefinite delay is verified.

ANSWER 2 - PROTECT MEMORIES

The protected recovery space can hold exactly three compact entries.

ANSWER 3 - PARTIAL RESET

No safe partial-reset option has been verified in the story.

ANSWER 4 - ANOTHER OPERATOR

No other inside operator is recognized. NOVA is the authorized operator; Dr. Vale remains the responsible adult.

Informed-Choice Checklist

PART	WHAT THE CASE NOW SHOWS	STILL MISSING / QUESTION
INFORMATION		
UNDERSTANDING		
ALTERNATIVES		
PRESSURE		
QUESTIONS		
EXPLICIT CHOICE		

Role Cards and Conversation Builder

Roles

NOVA Names what the reset could change, asks questions, selects recovery entries, and gives an explicit answer.	DR. VALE Explains risks and benefits, checks safeguards, protects children, avoids manipulation, and remains accountable.
MAYA Supports NOVA, notices understanding, asks whether he needs time or another explanation, and does not decide for him.	ELI / TEAM Verify technical claims and act only after the authorized plan is clear.
CONVERSATION ORDER 1. Dr. Vale explains benefit, risk, uncertainty, and pressure. 2. NOVA repeats what he understands and asks questions. 3. The team checks alternatives and safeguards. 4. Maya supports without steering the answer. 5. NOVA gives an explicit answer; Dr. Vale states the human responsibilities that remain.	

Build the conversation here:

Position Cards

POSITION A

Because the reset may change NOVA's memories and he understands the risks, NOVA should make the final authorization.

POSITION B

Because Dr. Vale remains responsible for the children and building, final authority should be shared even though the reset changes NOVA.

CONDITION-BASED

My answer depends on: _____

UNSURE

I need another reason, example, or piece of evidence.

EVIDENCE

Card: _____ Reason: _____

COUNTEREXAMPLE

A time the other position might work better: _____

MOVE

I stayed / moved because: _____

Flexible Adult Answer Key

- All six Keep Cards are meaningful. The three NOVA chose in the story are a story choice, not the correct school answer.
- FACT, EXPERIENCE, VALUE, and PROCEDURE may overlap. Ask what a label helps children notice rather than enforcing one category.
- A record can preserve information while leaving out the lived connections around it. Do not claim this proves AI experience equals human experience.
- Question 1 reveals constrained time; Question 2 reveals exactly three recovery entries; Question 3 rules out a verified partial option; Question 4 identifies NOVA as recognized operator while preserving Dr. Vale's accountability.
- A strong consent conversation includes clear information, demonstrated understanding, alternatives, questions, freedom from manipulation, an explicit answer, safeguards, and continuing human responsibility.
- Positions A and B are both defensible within the fiction. Condition-based answers may depend on NOVA's understanding, available alternatives, time pressure, and Dr. Vale's duties.
- Current AI memory, consciousness, personhood, consent, and legal authority are not settled by this story. Humans remain responsible for real systems and consequences.

Adult debrief

Ask what each choice protected and cost, what question changed the checklist, and how support differed from control. Keep all personal experience voluntary and outside the collected activity.